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Tour boats make their way into the Garapan Fishing Base dock as weather conditions worsen as a result of the Marianas' transition into the rainy season. Although rainy season approaches, the National Weather Services anticipates relatively dry weather to prevail in the next few days.

KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

CPA board resolution opposes Navy airspace restriction

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**
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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Ports Authority board of directors unanimously passed Tuesday a resolution opposing the U.S. Navy's request to include the airspace around the Tinian International Airport in the restric-

tive area.

At a regular board meeting in the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting classroom, the directors agreed that the removal of airspace protections over the Tinian International Airport creates many issues



King-Hinds

that the Navy failed to discuss or consider with CPA prior to the Navy sending its request.

The Navy's request to remove airspace protections over the Tinian International Airport "disregards the needs of

the people of the CNMI," states the CPA resolution signed by board chair Kimberlyn King-Hinds.

The other board members—vice chair Roman T. Tudela, secretary Pete P. Reyes, and members Joseph M. Diaz, Ramon A. Tebuteb, and Barrie C. Toves—all agreed and signed the resolution.

CPA wants the Navy to respond and "rectify the damage the Navy's memorandum has done to CPA's level of trust in dealings with the U.S. Department of Defense."

Navy Secretary Richard W. Spencer requested the Federal Aviation Administration administrator last

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CCC rejects IPI proposal

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Casino Commission's five members unanimously rejected yesterday Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC's proposal for CCC to agree to what essentially is another preliminary injunction that will give IPI 120 days to seek an amendment of the law to resolve their legal dispute.

CCC chair Juan M. Sablan said in an interview that they rejected IPI's proposal because it is already an ongoing court case and that the issue also involves public interest.

"We've got a public outcry too

[as] to why we delay the process," said Sablan, adding that both parties have valid concerns and that it is up to Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo to decide on

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CebPac to drop Manila-Guam route

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Philippine low-cost carrier Cebu Pacific Air will be suspending its Manila-Guam route, with its last flight between the Philippine capital and the U.S. territory on Dec. 7, 2019.

In an official statement, the budget airline said that affected passengers are being notified, with options provided to minimize the disruptions from these changes: rebooking passengers on earlier

travel dates with Cebu Pacific; a full refund; or placing the full value of the ticket in a travel fund for future use.

The cancellation of the route is being blamed on oversaturation and competition in the market, according to Cebu Pacific Corporate Communications director Charo Logarta Lagamon.

"When we started the route in 2016, we have tried to entice Guamanians and the Filipino community to visit the Philippines via

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'Code proves illegality of Cabinet OT'

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Rep. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan) is doubling down on his allegations that it was illegal for Cabinet members to receive overtime pay during the immediate recovery period after Super Typhoon Yutu.



Propst

In an interview yesterday, Propst cited the CNMI Administrative Code pertaining to excepted service per-

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Prosecutors dropped a case Wednesday accusing Kevin Spacey of groping a young man.

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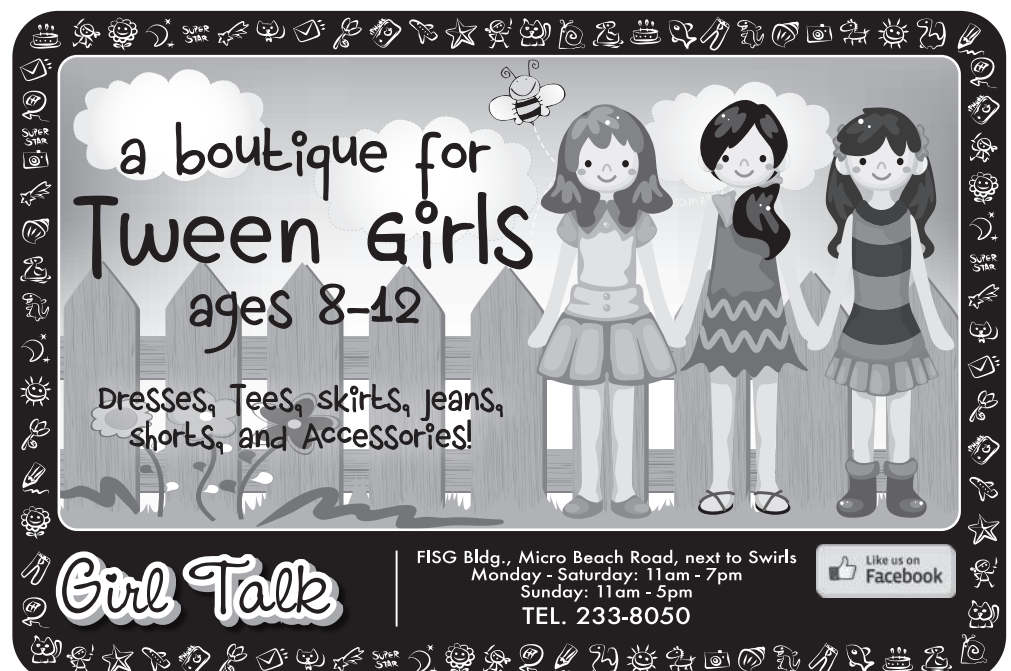


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IAO wants to extend cultural expo to Rota, Tinian

The Indigenous Affairs Office under the Office of the Governor wants to extend the annual Cultural Expo to Rota and Tinian but funding remains an issue.

According to IAO resident director Roman Tudela, IAO has already approached the Tinian and Rota legislative delegations to possibly fund the plan to bring the annual event to Saipan's sister islands.

"This will be the third year that we will be holding the expo and we want to include Tinian and Rota," he said.

Beach cleanup, bus stop painting tomorrow

Rotary Club of Saipan International Service director Greg Borja announced in the club's regular Tuesday meeting that the Interact Club, the high school counterpart of the Rotary Club, will be hosting a beach cleanup tomorrow at the San Antonio Beach Park, and is inviting the public to participate.

The cleanup at Pakpak Beach will begin at 7am and organizers hope it will be done in about an hour and a half.

This project by the Interact Club is through the Marianas Visitors Authority's "Beautify My Marianas" program. It enables groups to raise money by giving them the opportunity to clean up designated sites. Beautify My Marianas offers \$100 for each cleanup.

Borja said the Interact Club

When asked about the budget, Tudela said it could cost over \$25,000 to include Tinian and Rota in the event.

"The first year we did the expo was about \$15,000. Second year, [it] cost more because we covered a lot more than the first year. It was bigger—about \$25,000," he said.

Although Cultural Month is September, the expo will still be held in October, like previous years.

The Cultural Expo showcases the CNMI's traditional cultural practices and high-

lights the coconut tree and its versatility in the Chamorro

will use the funds raised for future projects. Interested participants must wear bright clothing, shoes (no open-toed shoes), gloves, and long pants. Children under 18 must have adult supervision, and one adult supervisor must be present for every five minors.

The Rotary Club will be helping the Interact Club with the beach cleanup and will also paint the bus stop that the club sponsors on Middle Road at 9am. *(Marc A. Venus)*

lights the coconut tree and its versatility in the Chamorro

and Carolinian cultures.

The expo will have demon-

strators who will perform various cooking techniques and weaving techniques using the coconut.

There will also be net throw-

ing, hook tying, names of fish, types of fishing lines, fish preparation, and spearfishing. *(Kimberly A. Bautista)*

Ex-owners of Victoria Hotel appeal dismissal of suit

The former owners of Victoria Hotel in Garapan are appealing to the CNMI Supreme Court the Superior Court's dismissal of their lawsuit against a Guam bank, from whom they borrowed \$1.8 million for the construction of the hotel but they now accuse of not having obtained a full-service banking license in the Commonwealth.

Edward L.G. Lizama, as personal representative of former Victoria Hotel owners—the estate of Jesus T. Lizama,

Victoria L.G. Lizama, and J&JEV Enterprises Inc.—have notified the Superior Court about their appeal.

The appellants, through counsel Juan T. Lizama, is asking the Supreme Court to reverse Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho's dismissal of the case last June 14.

In a 23-page decision, Camacho dismissed the lawsuit filed by the former hotel owners, saying the plaintiffs' claims against ANZ Guam

Inc. are based on the same three issues that were finally decided in the U.S. District Court for the NMI action.

ANZ Guam is formerly known as Citizens Security (Guam) Inc.

Camacho said the District Court's previous decision was final and on the merits.

According to court records, the plaintiffs sued ANZ Guam Inc. in the Superior Court last Aug. 22, alleging a violation of the Commonwealth Consumer Protection Act, wrong-

ful foreclosure under the Commonwealth Debt Collection Act, and breach of contract.

In 1997, defendant ANZ made a \$1.8-million loan to plaintiffs and took a mortgage over real property in the CNMI to secure the debt—up to 70 percent of which was guaranteed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Plaintiffs defaulted under the loan documents. ANZ then filed a lawsuit in June 2000 for foreclosure in the Superior Court against plaintiffs. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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CCC

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the issue.

After holding an executive session where they discussed IPI's proposal, Sablan, vice chair Joseph C. Reyes, treasurer Alvaro A. Santos, secretary Ramon Muna Dela Cruz, and Public Affairs & Media Relations Diego Maratita Songao came out in public session. The five commissioners then voted to reject IPI's proposal.

In an interview, acting CCC executive director Charlie O. Atalig said the commissioners voted to reject IPI's offer and to essentially wait for Govendo's decision on the case today, Friday.

"I guess we'll see how we will move forward from there," Atalig said.

IPI is trying to block the release of financial information that it claims are confidential. The CCC has already signaled its intention to release the information. To prevent that, IPI sued the CCC.

To resolve the dispute, Atalig said, CCC made an offer to IPI for IPI to essentially withdraw the lawsuit and work on having the law amended.

IPI's counter-offer was to be given 120 days to work on having the law amended, Atalig said. That was the counter-offer that the CCC rejected.

"We are just following the law," he said.

Before the executive session, Sablan asked the parties' counsels to explain the status of the case as he noted that there is a request from IPI to basically delay the process for 120 days.

Assistant attorney general Michael Ernest, who is the internal legal counsel for CCC, said his discussion should be done in an executive session because the case is pending in court.

IPI counsel Viola Alepuyo explained that their counter-offer to CCC was to save on litigation costs. Matthew Gregory, counsel for IPI's two subsidiaries—Grand Marianas and Imperial Pacific Prop-



Commonwealth Casino Commission chair Juan M. Sablan presides over a special meeting yesterday. **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**

erties—also discussed their position.

IPI is suing CCC to prohibit the commission from releasing information in their audited financial reports that they believe is confidential.

Govendo issued a temporary restraining order against CCC and conducted a three-day hearing on IPI's motion for preliminary injunction. After completing the hearing last Thursday, Govendo placed the matter under advisement.

Govendo, however, encouraged the parties to sit down and resolve the matter, considering that IPI's tax information is no longer the only issue being argued, but other information included in IPI's audited financial statements that was not divulged in court.

Govendo said if the parties will not end in a compromise, the court will issue an order today, Friday.

In an interview yesterday before CCC rejected IPI's counter-offer, Alepuyo said they're saying there is very little information that should be redacted from IPI's financial statement. Alepuyo said all financial statements from 2015 all the way to 2018 are already with CCC.

Alepuyo said that even if Govendo comes up with a decision, if it is against the government, more than likely they will appeal and, if it is against IPI because it is a constitutional provision, more than likely

IPI will appeal.

"This is not just confidential information about IPI. This confidential information is about any other companies in the CNMI," Alepuyo said.

Alepuyo said CCC's offer, which was discussed on record, was that IPI would withdraw their petition for TRO and then IPI would go to the Legislature for a fix.

"Our concern was, as soon as we withdraw the TRO, our confidential information is no longer confidential. We cannot drop that part of our argument," she pointed out.

Alepuyo said instead of agreeing to withdraw IPI's petition, they made a counter-offer for CCC to agree for the court to issue a preliminary injunction.

"Just to make a status quo while we go to the Legislature, giving us 120 days to have the law amended," she said.

Citing an example, Alepuyo said if the judge can come up with a decision and it only addresses half of the concerns in the case, it does not necessarily mean that the party cannot appeal it and it goes back to the trial court and they will start all over again.

"We want to avoid hundreds of thousands of dollars in litigation costs to the CNMI government, to the CCC," Alepuyo said.

As to the question if the Legislature can fix the apparent ambiguity of the law with-

in 120 days, Alepuyo said they have spoken directly to the House speaker, Senate president, and acting governor, where they explained their position as to why they fought to be keep the information confidential.

"Because of the Constitution. Because of the tax laws. Because of Open Government Act laws. Because all of these are confidential information that need to be protected," she said.

Alepuyo said what they want to amend is Public Law 19-24.

Public Law 19-24 seeks to clarify the powers of the CCC and to make needed changes to the Commonwealth Code, given its unique regulatory oversight of the casino industry in the Commonwealth.

Gregory, in an interview, said the information of the two IPI subsidiaries that he represents is also some of the redacted information—financial information, tax information, confidential information, that they're seeking to protect.

"We are not a licensee, so there is no reason to disclose our information at all to the public," Gregory said. "We are not even a licensee. Why are they disclosing our information?"

He said Govendo has already given them more than 20 days of the TRO.

"We keep the information confidential until the court makes a decision," he said.

more choices on which airline to book.

In her own case, Cebu Pacific's cancellation would mean more time away from her family in the Philippines.

"Ever since they started their flights to Guam, I would visit my family in Manila three to six times a year. Every time they'd announce a special sale for less than \$200, I'll make sure to buy a ticket so that I can visit my loved ones," she said.

With the cancellation, she's looking at flying to the Philippines only twice a year: once for business and one personal.

CPA

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April 30 for unspecified but appropriate "relief" in the airspace protections over the Tinian International Airport. The CPA board now believes that the Navy's request would effectively turn control of that airspace over to the Navy. The board said that Spencer communicated with FAA without telling or consulting CPA.

The board said the Navy's request without consultation with CPA represents "a stark departure" from the previous good-faith interactions shared between the U.S. and CPA in regard to the Tinian land lease for the purpose of Tinian divert exercises.

Last June 17, King-Hinds informed Spencer in a letter that CPA is both surprised and "beyond disturbed" by his memorandum and the manner in which CPA received it.

"We don't understand how anyone would think that CPA would find this acceptable. The request is ridiculous enough on its face," King-Hinds said.

She said that Spencer and the Navy did not inform CPA in advance of this request before communicating it to the FAA—much less consulted

CPA on the issue it raises. She said this "shows the Navy's level of audacity and complete lack of courtesy and common decency."

Tinian Legislative Delegation chair Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Saipan), Tinian and Aguiguan Mayor Edwin P. Aldan, and Tinian Municipal Council chair Thomasa P. Mendiola also wrote acting FAA administrator Daniel K. Elwell recently to express their opposition to the Navy's plan.

The elected Tinian leaders said it is their position that restricting airspace in and around Tinian will jeopardize health, safety, welfare, and economic wellbeing of the people of Tinian.

King-Hinds also excoriated the Navy's plan to also restrict airspace over Pagan. The board said the memorandum presumes that current FAA orders do not impact the airspace over Pagan, whereas CPA's enabling statute empowers CPA to acquire, establish, and develop an airport on Pagan.

The board said the Navy's presumption that current FAA orders do not impact the airspace over Pagan indicates that the Navy is unaware of CPA's statutory interest in developing the Pagan Airfield for public use.

CODE

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sonnel regulations. He pointed out that NMAC §10-10-005(d) states that, "Publicly elected officials, department heads, including resident department heads, other constitutional or statutory gubernatorial or mayoral appointments, and individuals on independent service contracts or other contracts processed through the procurement system are not excepted service employees."

This section essentially means that Cabinet members, who are gubernatorial appointees that require Senate confirmation, are classified as not excepted service employees.

Title 10 of the NMI Administrative Code defines overtime pay as "...time a non-exempt employee is directed or permitted to work in excess of the 40 hours during a standard work week [40 hours in seven consecutive days]."

However, in Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' directive dated Nov. 16, 2018, it authorized the overtime payment of "...both civil service and excepted service" employees for "...government employees engaged in work directly related to the Commonwealth's recovery efforts" for the super typhoon at the time.

Propst further cited NMAC §10-10-120(d), which states that, "An employee will be designated by the director of

Personnel as overtime eligible or overtime-exempt based upon the duties performed and in accordance with the federal [Fair Labor Standards Act]. Such designated executive, administrative, and professional employees are exempt from and shall not be paid, overtime payment."

This section emphasized that gubernatorial appointments are not eligible to receive overtime payment.

"We have to learn from our mistakes and the problem is, nobody has ever admitted to their mistakes," Propst told *Saipan Tribune*. "...And they are not owning up to [their mistakes] even if laws are not being followed."

Propst noted that his concerns are Cabinet members who have reportedly already been paid huge sums of money in overtime while frontline workers who are "doing the heavy lifting" and the "actual physical work" are reportedly waiting for their overtime pay.

"My concern is that because this \$15 million Marianas Public Land Trust Fund was issued, I want to ensure that any monies that are going to be used to pay for overtime is not going to...any Cabinet member because we already established that it was improper and possibly illegal," he said.

Saipan Tribune tried to obtain comments from the Torres administration yesterday but there has been response yet as of press time.

CEBPAC

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fares that were affordable—as the only Filipino low-cost carrier operating a direct Guam-Manila connection. However, it has come to a point where there is now an overcapacity in the market, with two other carrier plying the same route and, for Cebu Pacific, the route is no longer viable," she said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

United Airlines and Philippine flag carrier Philippine Airlines also service the Manila-Guam route.

The official statement from the Philippine low-cost carrier, which is a subsidiary of JG Summit Holdings, also said the entry of Cebu Pacific into the Guam market gave the travelling public more choices and a more affordable alternative to fly between these two destinations.

"However, despite all efforts, the Guam route is no longer viable. With limited slots in Manila, Cebu Pacific will reallocate these slots and re-deploy the aircraft to routes where these can serve higher passenger demand," it said.

Cebu Pacific flies from Ma-

nila to Guam and vice versa thrice a week, with promotional rates of as low as \$99. It operates an Airbus 320 aircraft on the route, which has capacity of 180 passengers.

When contacted via social message to comment, Anette Garces, a resident of Dededo, said the cancellation of the route would mean fewer trips for her to the Philippines. She said this will have a great impact. Since Cebu Pacific entered the Guam market, people had the option to travel to Manila any time they wanted, Garces said, mainly because of very affordable airfares and

No leads in theft of 2 Toyota vehicles

The two Toyota vehicles that were stolen from Atkins Kroll Saipan in June have already been found, but Department of Public Safety continues to investigate the incident but, as the matters stand, the case is growing cold, with no new leads in the case.

According to DPS spokesman Adrian Pangelinan, the case has had no new leads.

Atkins Kroll earlier held off from issuing an official statement about the matter in order to give police a chance to thoroughly investigate the incident without any disruptions.

For those who may have information related to the theft of the two vehicles, contact DPS at 911 or the CNMI Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272.

Atkins Kroll reported the two missing Toyota vehicles—a 2019 Toyota Tacoma and a 2018 Toyota RAV4—last June 24. Both were located the following day.

According to *Saipan Tribune* archives, the vehicles involved are brand-new white 2019 pre-runner Toyota Tacoma, with no license plates, and a dark brown 2018 Toyota RAV4 with the license plate number AFM 101. **(Kimberly A. Bautista)**

Debra Camacho is acting Saipan mayor

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang left Saipan yesterday to attend the 75th Annual Guam Liberation Day celebration and appointed Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council chair Debra Camacho as acting mayor.

"I will be in Guam until the 24th, as I have been invited by the Guam mayors to participate in the Liberation Day parade," Apatang said.

Apatang will also attend the change of command ceremony for Navy Rear Adm. Shoshana Chatfield, the outgoing commander of Joint Region Marianas. Chatfield was appointed to become the first female president of the U.S. Naval War College. Chatfield was selected to be the 58th superintendent of the college last June 14. She was also present in the CNMI to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Battles of Saipan and Tinian.

Miss 2019 Liberation Day Queen Pernalyn Janet Borja Camacho, Miss 2018 Liberation Day Queen Brinae Jessilyn Maratita Cruz, and Liberation Day Queen Committee chair Bridget Maratita will accompany Apatang in his trip to Guam. Camacho will also be participating in the parade. **(Marc A. Venus)**



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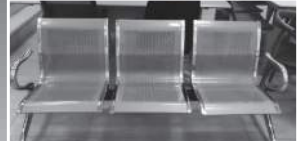
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'Birth tourism' is not CNMI problem; we aren't doorkeepers'

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The Senate unanimously concurred with the House of Representatives during a session Wednesday on a joint resolution

that promises the cooperation of the Legislature on possible constitutional amendments to the way birthright citizenship is conferred in the CNMI.

House Joint Resolution 21-4, sponsored by House Speaker

Blas Jonathan "BJ" Attao (R-Saipan), did pass on a unanimous vote at the Senate, but not without some snarky comments from some senators.

The joint resolution would serve as documentation that

the CNMI Legislature is willing to cooperate with the United States to amend the Covenant to limit birthright citizenship to children whose mother is either legally employed in the CNMI or a citizen of a nation under the Compact of Free Association.

In careful discussions during the House session last week, representatives voted to pass HJR 21-4 with an amendment to exempt individuals whose sole purpose for visiting the CNMI is to give birth.

"...There is a lot of birth tourism [going on stateside]. I don't think this is a CNMI problem," Senate President Victor B. Hocog (R-Rota) noted during discussions on the bill. "We are not the doorkeepers," he added, concurring with Sen. Vinson Sablan (Ind-Saipan), who made a similar statement.

Hocog recalled how low the birth tourism numbers were, back when the CNMI handled its own immigration.

"...Because of the discussions that transpire between the 902 talks, maybe [the federal government] has plans," Hocog said. "...Maybe this would be one way of [asking] for our immigration back."

Sen. Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) questioned the language

of the joint resolution, assuming it would be passed as an amendment to the Covenant.

"What about our EB-5 investors?" he asked, referring to the residential status provided to investors specifically on Tinian. "...We don't want to inadvertently put the CNMI in a disadvantageous situation."

Sen. Teresita Santos (Ind-Rota), told *Saipan Tribune* in a statement that she wishes to know what is in it for the CNMI if it decides to support HJR 21-4.

"It is strongly recommended that our 902 Covenant negotiators negotiate with the U.S. to remit or forward all U.S. citizenship services processing fees in the CNMI to our CNMI government," she said, citing a similar set up in Guam, which reportedly collects all U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services processing fees. "...Why can't our CNMI government be also accorded the same?"

Sen. Sixto Igisomar (R-Saipan) noted that this particular resolution is a mere step in the whole process of 902 discussions.

"...It is a process and [this is just a step]," he said. "...I believe the governor should be giving us reports on the success of our negotiations."

'Occupancy numbers could be better'

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The Marianas Visitors Authority believes that the hotel occupancy rate for July could be better, but is hopeful that it would improve once the charter flights of Skymark Airlines Inc. roll in.

In a short interview with MVA managing director Pris-

cilla Maratita Iakopo, she estimates the hotel occupancy rate this July to be in the high 80s and, although that would be a big improvement, it could still be better.

Iakopo said that MVA is hopeful that the numbers will increase with the incoming flights from Japan.

"I haven't received the recent reports yet but it's in the high 80s in percentage. It could be better but we're hoping that, with the charter from Skymark in August and September, that will help as well," she said.

Iakopo explained that Skymark will only provide charter flight for the time being and are not sure when they will provide regular flights. "Skymark will charter for now, but they are committed so they still will be coming," she said.

Iakopo also said that MVA will continue to work with hotels on increasing occupancy.

"We're working hand in hand to ensure that our tourist arrivals continue to increase so that way they [hotels] are able to have guests and increase the occupancy rate," she said.

According to *Saipan Tribune* archives, the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands reported an 87.92% average occupancy rate among its 11-member hotels in June 2019.

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Camille Joy Masilungan, the summer intern in the Washington, D.C. office of Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), is a participant in the Fund for the American Studies summer program that places her in an internship while taking classes at George Mason University. Masilungan is an alumna of Grace Christian Academy and an incoming senior at the University of Guam, studying Political Science with an English/Writing minor. She is interested in entering law school after completion of her bachelor's degree.



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IN SEXUAL HARASSMENT CASE

Ex-DYS staff is ordered to explain failure to show up

A former social worker of the Child Protection Unit of the Division of Youth Services has been directed to explain why the court should not dismiss her sexual harassment lawsuit against her then-supervisor after she failed to show up at a status conference in court.

In an order to show cause last Wednesday, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ordered the plaintiff to appear at a show-cause hearing and explain why her complaint should not be dismissed.

Saipan Tribune has chosen to withhold the name of the complainant for the moment.

Manglona said plaintiff may respond in writing by emailing her response.

She was ordered to appear at the show-cause hearing on Sept. 11, 2019, at 8:30am (CNMI time). She is allowed to appear by telephone.

At a status conference last May 29, the plaintiff, who lives in the U.S. mainland, appeared by telephone. In that hearing, she was ordered to prepare a summary of her efforts to hire an attorney after she stated she could not find a lawyer to represent her in her complaint.

The court then set another status conference for last Wednesday at 8:30am, when the plaintiff did not call in.

Manglona said court staff tried to contact the plaintiff, but were unsuccessful.

The judge then set the show-cause hearing after she called the case and plaintiff was not present.

Manglona earlier ordered the complainant to submit a summary report on all attorneys she had contacted.

The complainant was left with no counsel after her first lawyer, Joseph E. Horey, withdrew as counsel last March.

Horey then agreed with Manglona that the complaint was not served yet on defendant Julian R. Camacho and co-defendants.

Aside from Camacho, the complainant named as co-defendants the CNMI govern-

ment, and the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' DYS.

The plaintiff is suing Cama-

cho for violation of her civil rights, and the CNMI government and DCCA DYS for unlawful employment prac-

tices and violation of her civil rights.

She is demanding damages, court costs, and attor-

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According to the complaint, Camacho, the plaintiff's male supervisor in the

CPU, allegedly made sexual advances at her over the course of several months. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*



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Churrasco—a Brazilian tradition of barbecued chunks of beef and other kinds of meat—is coming to the Hyatt Regency Saipan for two nights during Churrasco Nights, which will highlight Latin flavor, taste, and lifestyle.

Large chunks of beef and other kinds of meat like pork chorizo and chicken are grilled over a strong pit fire of charcoal or wood. This way of preparing meat is popular in many Latin American countries and you can see that at the Kili Café & Terrace on July 26 and 27, Friday and Saturday, from 6pm to 9pm.

“Churrasco is the No. 1 dish in Brazil. ... We want to pay tribute to the Puerto Rican style and Brazilian churrascaria on our two nights of Churrasco at the Hyatt, where we will be serving certified Angus beef flat iron, skirt steak, pork chorizo sausages and grilled pineapple, among others,” said Hyatt executive sous chef Zen Tomokane.

“As the tradition goes, we are going to do it on high heat so when you are searing the meat you get that caramelization on the outside while keeping it tender and juicy on the inside; those are real important factors in churrasco. You don’t want to dry the meat and you want to get that good smoky and toasty flavor,” Tomokane added.

Tomokane emphasized that they will prepare the meat in true Churrasco style, where the meat does not need a lot of marinade. “We will do it a straightforward as can be—a good rub of chimichuri because it has a lot of garlic and parsley, salt and pepper, and essential herbs. We want to showcase the quality of

Two nights of ‘Churrasco’ at the Hyatt



BEA CABRERA
Hyatt executive sous chef Zen Tomokane holds up jumbo skewers of certified Angus beef that is fresh from the grill.



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Octopus ceviche will be one of the seafood dishes that will be served.

the meat, taking out its true taste. You don’t need much when doing churrasco, because when you have a good product, then you end with good results,” he said.

Hyatt will also be showcasing other Latin dishes such as the Argentinian salad. “We take pride in our Argentinian salad, which we first served at the Hyatt Golf Tournament banquet. The culinary team and I looked up the ingre-



BEA CABRERA
Assorted sauces that are meant to complement the grilled meat and salads: Lemon caper butter sauce, green and red chimichurri, horseradish sauce, finned, and barbecue sauce.



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Brazilian Peijoadá is composed of sausages and black beans carefully cooked and partnered with steamed rice and vegetables.

dients and went creative—sliced avocados, red and black beans, corn, garbanzos, some greens, heart of palm, and slices of ribeye meat,” Tomokane said.

“We did ‘cob style’ presentation, separating the ingredients, making the flavors from each other stand on its own. ... We will also serve seafood dishes like the octopus ceviche, with tomato, cilantro, and corn chips, moqueca

seafood stew composed of fresh prawns cooked in coconut milk and tomato, quinoa salad, and stuffed jalapeno peppers topped with chorizo and cheddar crust, to name a few,” Tomokane added.

Churrasco is often served with sauces that will exponentially heighten the taste as they help balance the smokiness of the grilled meat. Guests will be given six special sauces to choose from: green chimichurri, a simple, flavorful sauce made with fresh garlic and herbs like parsley; red chimichurri with tomatoes as base; lemon caper butter sauce for the seafood; horseradish sauce; and local favorites finadeni and classic barbecue sauces.

Part of the special service that guests will experience is that the meat will be served straight from the skewer to your plate. “The meat will be cut right at your table, so that you always eat your meat hot or guests can walk up to the meat stations,” Tomokane said.

The Churrasco buffet includes unlimited red or white wine, beer, and iced tea. Finishing your meal are scrumptious desserts that includes Portugal’s Brigaderio chocolate balls, strawberry yogurt mousse cup, and pineapple empanadas.

“Churrasco food is enjoyed with family and friends and you have to take time to eat so one can enjoy the flavor of the meat and other dishes. ... The Churrasco lifestyle is about carefully preparing the meat and so guests will have a good dining experience.”

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Phan rules Smash Fest among 40 gamers

David "Phantom" Phan took home the trophy in the grand finals of Smash Fest, the CNMI's first major Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament, last Saturday, July 13, while his finals competitor, Christian "Curious" Castro, secured the second place.

Hosted by Technic Computer Gaming, 40 players faced off in one-versus-one matchups in a double elimination style bracket, for a total of 88 matches over the course of several hours.

The event also boasted a good number of the Super Smash Bros. gaming community watching and supporting friends.

In the early evening, the final matches were a four-way slugfest, with Ube Taro, Lancelot, Blitz, and Phantom advancing to the semifinals. Only two would move on to the finals. Phantom eventually bested third place winner Lance "Lancelot" Elayda's Ness to secure his seat in the grand finals.

Meanwhile in the Losers Bracket, Joshua "Ube Taro" Sanchez lost to semifinalist and fourth place winner, Lester "Frankenheimer" Guevarra. Frankenheimer would later be matched against Christian "Curious" Castro, after Curious ousted Kanicio "Blitz" Hosono. Curious fought several back-to-back matches to earn his seat in the grand finals against Phantom, the same contender who sent Curious to the Losers Bracket earlier that day.

The grand finals match began just before 10pm with a small crowd still present and eager to see the final outcome. Curious played as Pokemon Trainer while Phantom played as Palutena. Both contenders displayed a great degree of skill and practice throughout the match, but Phantom remained dominant in the end, securing the first-place win with Curious taking second place.

Tournament official Juanet Sablan congratulated

the winners and all Smash Fest contenders on behalf of Technic Computer Gaming. "Everyone is a winner today and Technic is so grateful to all its supporters, participants and volunteers for making the event a huge success! We are so happy to finally meet the CNMI Smash community and we look forward to more events soon," Sablan said.

The company plans to host Smash Melee and possibly other smaller competitive events in the near future, and will very likely host Smash Fast again next year. (PR)



The four who made it to the grand finals of Smash Fest, the CNMI's first major Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament, are awarded medals after the tournament last Saturday, July 13.

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Nic Sablan, right, operations manager at Technic Computer Gaming, poses with David "Phantom" Phan.

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Bringing a different kind of comedy to Saipan

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It is Friday, end of the work-week. If you want to unwind and laugh like no one is watching, veteran comedian Rich Guzzi is in town to exhibit his different style of humor called "hypnosis comedy."

That should get you curious—at the very least. So what is "hypnosis comedy"? Guzzi describes it as all about "fish out of water stuff," where he calls volunteers from the

crowd onstage and hypnotize them right in front of the rest of the group so everyone knows it's real.

"Then I put them into very precarious situations. ...Picture the big, tough biker guy turning into a ballet dancer, or a little old lady as a badass cop. ...It makes the event an experience," he said.

For those wanting to watch that experience, catch Guzzi tonight at 6pm at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan in Garapan.

In a brief interview with *Saipan Tribune*, Guzzi said he has been a comic for 30 years now. "I am known as the road warrior because I have averaged 300 shows a year for 30 years in a row—a record that will be tough to beat," he said.

According to Guzzi, he discovered "hypnosis comedy" by accident. "I was already a regular standup comic, then I found hypnosis while looking for motivational self-help tools to make my life better.

Then they kind of melded together to build this show and I became famous for doing it and then I just kept on doing it as it got bigger and bigger," he said.

He then realized that he could also help people. "People were coming...sometimes to feel better and accomplish goals like losing weight, quitting smoking, reducing stress, and sleeping better. It became very rewarding to help all these people through a comedy show and things really took

off," he added.

Every show has those unforgettable moments because people come to Guzzi's shows without knowing what to expect.

"I love watching the crowd as the action unfolds. They are seeing their friends or family members get hypnotized right before their eyes and then doing some of the most outrageously out-of-character funny things you can possibly imagine and it's mind-boggling," he said.

Aside from the hypnosis, Guzzi's comedic materials come from everyday life, stuff that everyone can relate to.

"It's funny because it's true and that is the best kind of humor. Because we can all relate. The news is a great source of material, especially social media," he added.

Before Saipan and Guam, Guzzi was in Las Vegas and he was excited about coming to the islands. "I am totally stoked and the buzz has been amazing because I know these are going to be great shows," he said.

For tonight's show, expect to be blown away. "Most peo-



Guzzi

ple think that [hypnosis comedy] can't possibly be real...but when they see it, they become believers. I always stay after the show and do a meet-and-greet for all the people who did not volunteer that wish they did," he said.

Guzzi also speaks and teaches the subject of hypnosis to help others and also train new hypnotists, "so that is also a big part of my touring."

He promises a night of laughter and good times with family and friends. "As an added bonus, you will also get the goal-setting portion of the show where you will leave feeling better and more motivated than you have in a long, long time," he said.

That's not to mention that you will also have a story to tell everyone about what you witnessed.

"Bring...a camera, as the Rich Guzzi Comedy Hypnosis Experience goes by the saying that, 'What you don't remember, your friends will never let you forget.'"

Tickets are available at Tribe Marianas on Middle Road. Doors open at 6pm and local talent Santi "Big Boy" Sablan will open the show.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

Members of the House of Representatives present House Commemorative Resolution 21-4 to Master Gunnery Sgt. Norvin Camacho Deleon Guerrero (retired) in a presentation with family and friends present in the House chamber Wednesday. The resolution, introduced by Rep. Luis John DLG Castro, praises Deleon Guerrero for a distinguished 30-year career as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps, eventually retiring as the highest ranking enlisted member of the Marine Corps from the CNMI. A 1987 graduate of Marianas High School, Deleon Guerrero is the son of Jesus Q. and Wilhelma Juanita C. Deleon Camacho and the husband of Paula Sablan Deleon Guerrero.

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Pacific Century Fellows tour USS *Asheville*



Lt. J.G. Brandon Conley, a native of Severn, Maryland, demonstrates how to use the Emergency Air Breathing system to members of the Pacific Century Fellows Program-Marianas Chapter during a tour aboard USS *Asheville*. U.S. NAVY/LT. J.G. MEAGAN MORRISON



Cmdr. Jeremy Pelstring, commanding officer of USS *Asheville*, speaks to members of the Pacific Century Fellows Program-Marianas Chapter during a tour. U.S. NAVY/LT. J.G. MEAGAN MORRISON

By LT.J.G. MEAGAN MORRISON
COMMANDER, SUBMARINE SQUADRON 15

SANTA RITA, Guam—Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS *Asheville* hosted the Pacific Century Fellows Program-Marianas Chapter at Naval Base Guam yesterday, July 18.

The leadership development program is modeled after the Pacific Century Fellows of Hawaii, with the same objective of developing potential leaders by creating leadership learning opportunities and experiences of the CNMI. Both programs drew inspiration from the White House Fellows Program founded by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1964.

"The fellowship program is a wonderful opportunity for me to expand my knowledge, ability to lead, and to take on a more active role in public service" said Lorenzo Aldan, an extension aide with youth development. "I'm grateful that I was selected to be a part of the program and to serve my community in a positive way."

The nine-month program selects successful, career-minded individuals from various civilian businesses, government entities, and non-profit organizations within the CNMI. The members complete monthly sessions and periodic retreats covering subjects such as education, government (federal and local), healthcare and quality of life.

Cmdr. Jeremy Pelstring, commanding officer of *Asheville*, led the tour and discussed

the capabilities of the submarine as the group walked topside before heading into the submarine's control room, living quarters, torpedo room, machinery room and mess decks.

"This tour was a great chance to showcase *Asheville* and its capabilities to our future leaders," said Pelstring. "I hope their biggest takeaway is the pride and professionalism that every single member of this crew exudes."

After departing *Asheville*, the group toured other military facilities on island including Marine Corps Activity Guam, Andersen Air Force Base, and Joint Region Marianas.

"It's remarkable to see these facilities firsthand," said Aldan. "I enjoyed learning about USS *Asheville*, the crew, and her military presence [in] Guam. The tour has given me a better understanding of our military and those who serve."

Asheville is assigned to Commander, Submarine Squadron 15, which is located at Polaris Point, Naval Base Guam in Apra Harbor, Guam, and consists of four Los Angeles-class attack submarines. The CSS-15 staff is responsible for providing training, material and personnel readiness support to these commands.

Also based out of Naval Base Guam are submarine tenders USS *Frank Cable* and USS *Emory S. Land*. The submarines and tenders are maintained as part of the U.S. Navy's forward-deployed submarine force and are readily capable of meeting global operational requirements.



U.S. NAVY/LT. J.G. MEAGAN MORRISON
Lt. Cmdr. Chad Tella, executive officer of USS *Asheville*, describes the submarine's control room to members of the Pacific Century Fellows Program-Marianas Chapter during a tour on July 18.

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Let's celebrate Apollo 11, but let's also find a way to launch new adventures together

The 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 launch was Tuesday, the landing on Saturday.

Those who witnessed the events might wax nostalgic for a day when Americans came together to support a swashbuckling adventure among the stars.

Today, many look back on the moon landing as the greatest single human accomplishment of the 20th century.

It really was a remarkable feat. A journey from the Earth to the moon eight years after a brash young president dared the nation to just try it.

The landing was watched on TV by some 600 million around the world—one in every six people on the planet saw it happen.

So we'll enjoy the celebration of memory along with everyone else, while also wondering, what's next?

Mars, we hope. What a ride that would be, if we can afford it. But what about here on Earth?

Unlike John F. Kennedy, political leaders today speak largely of problems to be solved, not adventures to be launched.

They're right, of course. But some problem-solving here on Earth comes closer to feeling Apollo-like.

Seth Moulton—Marine, Iraq War veteran, Harvard physics graduate, Massachusetts congressman and obscure Democratic presidential candidate—wants to invest a few billion bucks and solve the riddle of large-scale nuclear fusion.

Now there's an exciting, earthbound adventure. Fusion is a process where atoms are combined to generate energy. It's what powers the sun.

Fusion is much safer than fission, the atom-splitting process used to generate nuclear power and create nuclear bombs.

The fuel for fusion reaction is abundant and cheap. The amount of nuclear waste is miniscule. The byproduct is helium, not carbon. Nuclear material is radioactive but for a much shorter period of time. There's no chain reaction and the risk of a nuclear meltdown is zero.

But try to imagine if a fusion power challenge was issued to the nation in 2019 by a president resembling Kennedy:

Right-wing Twitter (if the president were a Democrat): "Typical government make-work program from a spoiled man-child and professional politician who never had to make a payroll. #SaveCoal"

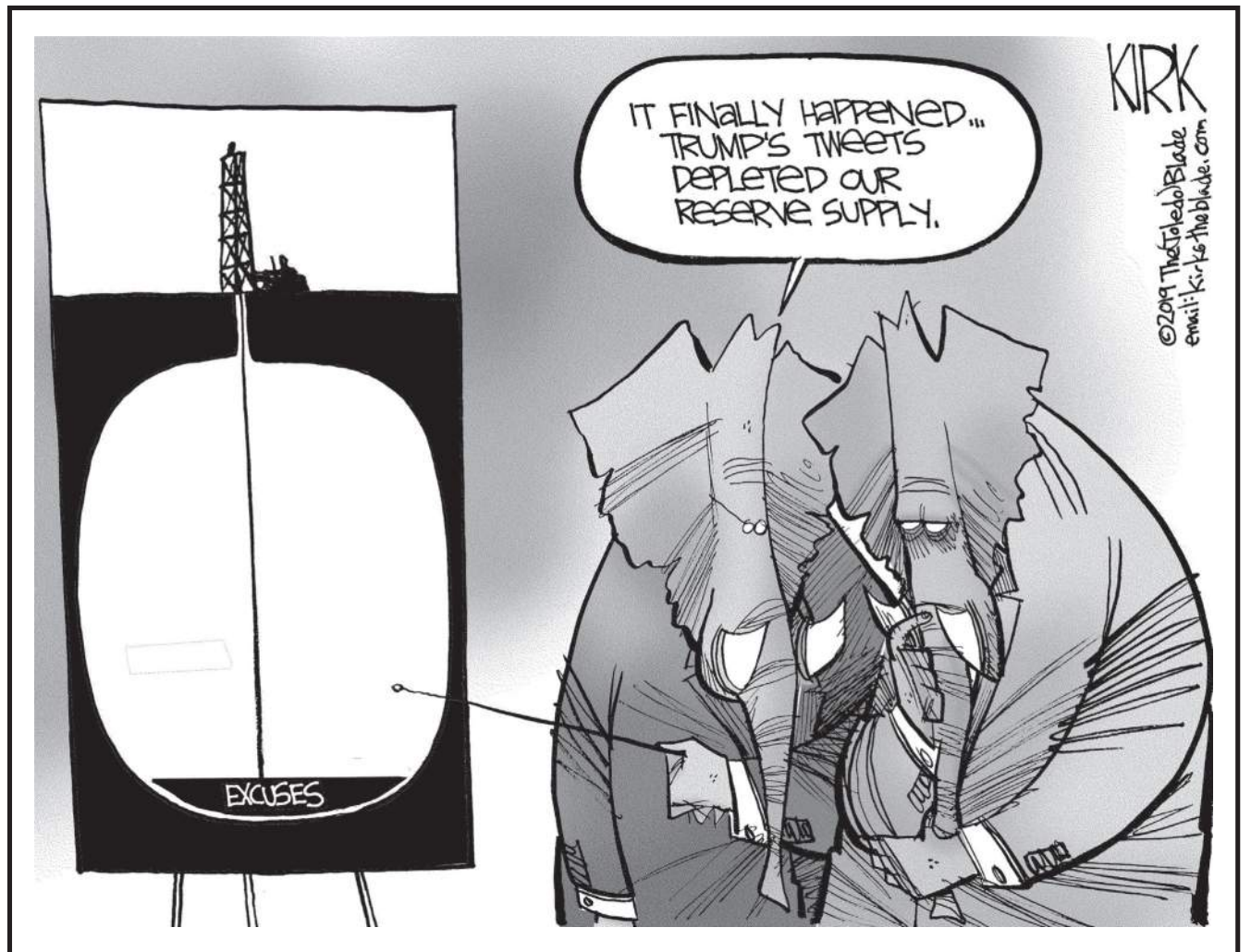
Left-wing Twitter (If the president were a Republican): "Outrageous boondoggle! Spending billions to enrich fat-cat power companies that contributed to his campaign. #FundHealthCareNow"

There's the problem. Our tribal instincts are so close to the surface now that too many people don't even want to give an idea a chance. We just want to fuss with each other, troll each other.

If we're going to go on any more adventures together—whether on this planet or away from it—we're going to have to come together.

The alternative is a future where this country looks back 50 years from now and finds we have nothing to celebrate.

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A tale of witnesses

As promised last week, here is the second installment of excerpts from Marie Castro and Mike Campbell's short book, *Marie Castro: My Life and Amelia Earhart's Saipan Legacy*. Specifically, the next two columns will contain interesting facts from U.S. military personnel's eyewitness accounts about Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan being on Saipan in 1937.

The American GI witnesses on Saipan –Part 1

"The Battle of Saipan, fought from June 15 to July 9, 1944, was one of the most important battles of the Pacific War. The U.S. 2nd and 4th Marine Divisions, and the Army's 27th Infantry Division, commanded by Lt. Gen. Holland Smith, defeated the 43rd Infantry Division of the Imperial Japanese Army, commanded by Lt. Gen. Yoshitsugu Saito.

The loss of Saipan, with the death of 29,000-plus Japanese troops and heavy civilian casualties, precipitated the resignation of Japanese Prime Minister Hideki Tojo and left the Japanese mainland within the range of Allied B-29 bombers. Saipan would become the launching point for retaking other islands in the Mariana chain, the invasion of the Philippines in October 1944 [and a direct strike from Tinian, which ended the War of the Pacific in August of 1945]."

The victory on Saipan was also important for quite another reason, one you will not see in any of the official histories, yet. At an unknown date soon after coming ashore on D-Day, June 15, American forces discovered Amelia Earhart's Electra 10E, NR 16020, in a Japanese hangar at As Lito Field, the Japanese airstrip on Saipan.

Thomas E. Devine, author of the 1987 classic, *Eyewitness: The Amelia Earhart Incident*, was a sergeant in the Army's 244th Postal Unit, and came ashore on Saipan on July 6, just a few days before the island was declared secure. Devine was ordered to drive his commanding officer, Lt. Fritz Liebig, to As Lito Field, and there he was soon informed that Amelia Earhart's airplane had been discovered, relatively intact. Devine later said he saw the Electra three times soon thereafter—in flight, on the ground when he inspected it at the off-limits airfield, and later that night in flames.

During that period, Marine Pvt. Robert E. Wallack found Amelia's briefcase in a blown safe in a Japanese administration building on Saipan. "We entered what may have been a Japanese government building, picking up souvenirs strewn about," Wallack wrote in a notarized statement. "Under the rubble was a locked safe. One of our group was a demolition man who promptly applied some gel to blow it open. We thought at the time that we would all become Japanese millionaires. After

SOUR GRAPES By BRUCE BATEMAN Special to the Saipan Tribune

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the smoke cleared I grabbed a brown leather attaché case with a large handle and flip lock. The contents were official-looking papers, all concerning Amelia Earhart: maps, permits and reports apparently pertaining to her around-the-world flight.

"I wanted to retain this as a souvenir," Wallack continued, "but my Marine buddies insisted that it may be important and should be turned in. I went down to the beach where I encountered a naval officer and told of my discovery. He gave me a receipt for the material, and stated that it would be returned to me if it were not important. I have never seen the material since."

Other soldiers saw or knew of the Electra's discovery, including Earskin J. Nabers, of Baldwyn, Mississippi, a 20-year old private who worked in the secret radio message section of the 8th Marine Regiment's H&S Communication Platoon. On or about July 6, Nabers received and decoded three messages about the Electra—one announcing its discovery, one stating that the plane would be flown, and the final transmission announcing plans to destroy the plane that night.

Nabers was present when the aluminum plane was torched and burned beyond recognition, as was Sgt. Thomas E. Devine, among others who ignored warnings to stay away from the airfield, which had been declared off-limits."

*Stay tuned for the last part of the military eyewitnesses next week.

Our labor woes are curable

Saipan makes its money from tourism. To stay competitive with other destinations, our hotels and resorts have to be up to date and new properties need to come online to replace or enhance the existing tired hotels we have now. Plus those existing tired hotels need to be remodeled and brought back up to their for-

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Drop in economy

The drop in the economy—when everything slows down—means less money for normal services and job opportunities here. This was caused by business closures, especially the exit of Nippon investments in recent past. It's a huge loss of about \$7 billion.

The contraction is felt even among simple villagers quizzing about employment security. They know the economy begins at home but what if the contraction comes what's in their future?

Definitely, the NMI must figure out the extent of the loss against current obligations and debts. It's helpful minute information as we navigate spending limited funds. Keeping my fingers crossed that it (drop) doesn't prompt job abolition.

If job reduction should kick in it would make difficult paying for the first family home, car, food, clothing, and health care, among others. This would be hard on families here!

Understandably, the long-term answer is in the resurgence of private industry investments that would open up opportunities beyond government. Is this an issue that the elected elite understands and therefore conversant? Or is the issue quite foreign and equally disorienting? Whatever happened to your "depth of vision" and conviction? Do we wait in despair while you play catch up?

Even the governor has come out ahead to raise the red flag of a deepening fiscal condition. The information prepares employees to deal with an impending reduction of sort up ahead if financial condition turns reduction a must!

Hope the contraction tapers off so we diligently begin rebuilding stronger economic foundation once more.

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Reduction: It seems we're fortunate that the contraction leaves intact our small visitor industry. It's the only thing that is working amidst heavy reduction of major economic activities.

The contraction is analogous to tidal shifts. We're at the low side of the change in seawater level. Nothing is moving in the lagoon. Even sailboats have stayed close to shore waiting for high tide before heading out the harbor.

Beyond our mini-tourism industry is there any other sector that could be developed as regular cushion year-round? I'm convinced it could be done!

For instance, farming and fishing were developed into strong sectors before the war. The focus in the development is support of the larger population area like Tokyo. This goal encouraged gardening and fishing for export. At least there's a huge market to contend with throughout the year. It turned history after the war.

Today, marketing veggies and fish has a highly limited market. I mean, after selling your neighbor who else is there to buy the surplus? It gradually discouraged any meaningful development of farming and fishing given the absence of markets where produce may be sold and moved.

Moreover, our people aren't vegetable eaters. We love big chunks of meat and fish fresh out of steaming hot pot or BBQ pit!

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Downsizing: The history of the creation of a bicameral system was done out of political fellowship more so than a necessity. Since when is excess baggage saddled on the backs of hardworking taxpayers a matter of necessity?

Unfortunately, a lot of focus is given building upon false pretense of unity overlooking the fiscal inadequacy in revenue generation. It's the blurred byproduct of political camaraderie as to overlook the lack of funds for it.

Do we really need a bicameral 29-member legislative system?

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Caesar's: Immigration laws fall under the U.S. Department of

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Homeland Security. Therefore, it's federal law as noted by Rep. Sheila Babauta when her colleagues braved ignorance on birth immigration. Isn't it that the kid decides upon reaching the age of maturity?

Coming to terms with the concept of "ascendancy of laws" is sufficient to know the issue belongs across the sea under the sole disposition of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Yes, there are urgent issues requiring resolution but immigration authority remains federal law under DHS. Shall we leave what's Caesar's to Caesar?

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Performance: The State of California pays its legislators some \$82,000 per year in salaries. The receipt of paychecks though isn't automatic. Legislators must show they have something major via legislation introduced for review and disposition.

It's a good system where we transfer accountability of performance to legislators themselves to show taxpayers what's up their sleeves. If there's nothing to show then no payday too! Deal? This should force the 29 legislators here to stop snoozing on the wheels.

Moreover, the California system of accountability is a quick method to explore whether we need a useless bicameral system. It brings the NMI into factual reality check. Sayu?

Transforming Garapan into a jewel



GREGG HIRATA

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, in black shirt, and Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, right, discuss the business improvement district concept with Kodep Uludong, second from left, and Chris Concepcion, third from left, of the Office of Planning and Rick Egged, leftmost, and the author, second from right.

Aspectacular reef and white sand beach, the green expanse of American Memorial Park, the Fiesta Resort and Spa, Hyatt Regency Saipan, and, soon, Imperial Palace, and a renovated DFS Galleria are the anchors that make Garapan a prime visitor destination for Saipan.

These major attractions border the Garapan core, a commercial center in the heart of the city. While restaurants, bars, and shops ring much of the core's perimeter, the interior blocks lack streetlights and sidewalks, while abandoned buildings and overgrown vacant lots sprinkle an area that should be the pride of Saipan.

One solution to revitalizing the Garapan core could be found

in something called a business improvement district, or BID, a public-private partnership in its highest and best form. It brings together the owners of commercial properties in a designated area, with representation from government and the community, to decide what they want to do to improve the district.

As many of you know, I am no stranger to Saipan. I've been coming to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for 40 years, initially with Hawaii governor George Ariyoshi for meetings with governor Carlos Camacho and the Pacific Basin Development Council, then as a special assistant with the U.S. Department of the Interior's Territorial and International Affairs

By MUFI HANNEMANN

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Office, and more recently as a tourism executive. Along the way, with local business leader Jerry Tan, I helped form a Marianas chapter of the Pacific Century Fellows.

During my visits to Saipan, I've been asked by the late governor Eloy Inos and current Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Lt. Go. Arnold Palacios and Jerry Tan of TanHoldings for ideas and advice on strengthening the CNMI's visitor industry. One of my suggestions was the creation of a BID to revitalize the Garapan core.

The government had released a Garapan and Beach Road Revitalization Plan in 2007, but many very good recommendations were not acted upon, maybe because the plan did not contain an action agenda and timeframe. A BID can address these shortcomings.

Let's take Waikiki. Waikiki is Hawaii's economic engine, bringing millions of visitors to our shores every year and serving as a major source of jobs and tax revenue. But it wasn't always so.

During my term on the Honolulu City Council, Waikiki was considered an aging destination. It was stagnant and rundown. Government, business, and community leaders all agreed that something had to be done to refresh Waikiki, a conclusion that Garapan stakeholders have reached.

Waikiki faced an additional problem. There were a number of highly publicized crimes against Japanese visitors, so the Japanese consul general issued a rare public declaration that if we could not safeguard our guests, the government would discourage travel to Hawaii.






That prompted us to convene a Visitor Crime Solutions Conference in 1997 and again in 1998 that pulled together stakeholders, complemented by experts from the mainland, to craft answers. The solutions included security cameras, a police substation on Waikiki Beach, and other ideas that are still in place today.

That first year, we heard from the head of the Association for

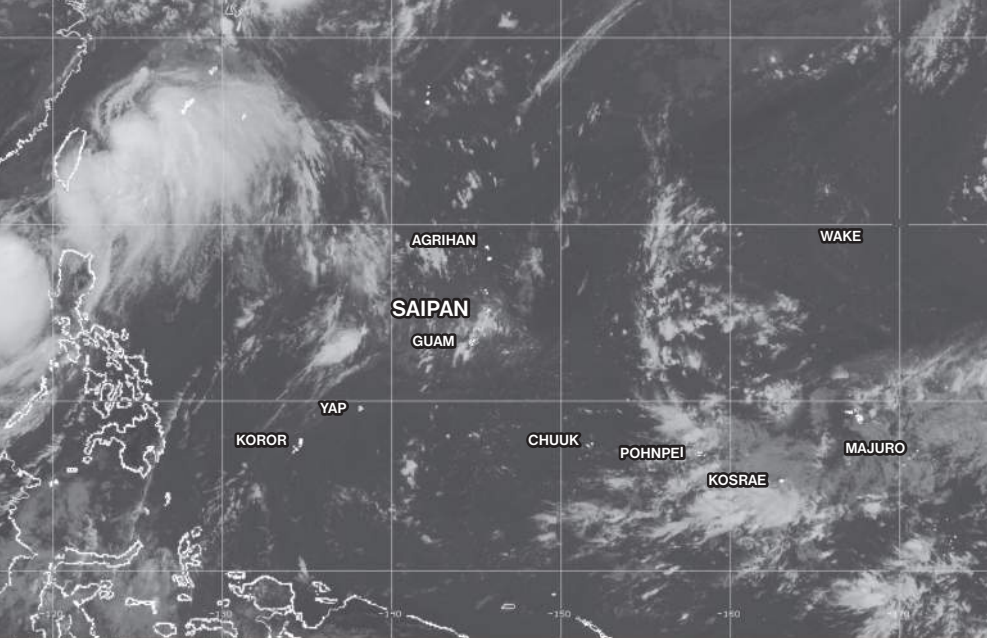
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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY	
									
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 5 to 15 mph.		Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph.		Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	
88°	79°	87°	79°	87°	79°	87°	79°	87°	79°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Isolated showers continue to move through the area with a gentle east flow. A westward-moving upper-level low well northeast of the Marianas is helping to trigger a few short-lived thunderstorms near and north of Saipan. Buoys show seas steadily coming down near Guam but buoys and altimetry data show seas still staying around 6 to 7 feet closer to Saipan.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA			▲▼°F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	88° / 79°	
Palau	Thunderstorms	83° / 77°	
Yap	Thunderstorms	85° / 79°	
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°	
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	87° / 78°	
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	87° / 78°	
Majuro	Thunderstorms	87° / 81°	

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲▼°F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	57° / 48°	
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	90° / 73°	
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	90° / 84°	
Honolulu	Windy	88° / 77°	
London	Showers	70° / 63°	
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	75° / 62°	
Manila	Thunderstorms	90° / 79°	
Melbourne	Windy	61° / 48°	
Miami	Thunderstorms	86° / 81°	
New York	Partly Cloudy	92° / 80°	
Osaka	Thunderstorms	84° / 77°	
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	82° / 66°	
Busan	Rain	79° / 75°	
Rome	Mostly Sunny	90° / 66°	
Salem	Thunderstorms	92° / 73°	
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	65° / 55°	
Seoul	Showers	90° / 75°	
Tokyo	Thunderstorms	81° / 73°	
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8:10 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.91	
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DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:55 AM	6:51 PM
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Monday	5:56 AM	6:50 PM
Tuesday	5:56 AM	6:49 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
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UA105	6:25pm	7:05pm	2, 4	UA104	4:50pm	5:31pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	4:00am	7:00am	3	7C3452	10:00pm	3:05am+1	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7
7C3451	4:00am	7:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3452	10:05pm	3:05am+1	4
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	1:35am	5:20am	Daily	7C3402	9:30am	3:10pm	Daily
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	TW307	7:00pm	12:35am+1	Daily
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
7C3403	4:45am	8:35am	2, 3, 5	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3403	5:00am	8:30am	4	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	1, 2, 4
7C3403	5:00am	8:50am	6	7C3404	10:40pm	4:10am+1	3, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	5:10am	8:55am	1, 7				
7C3401	4:10pm	7:45pm	4, 7				
7C3401	4:10pm	8:10pm	1, 2, 3, 5, 6				
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:50am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:20pm	4:50am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)				HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN			
JD396	7:30am	12:05pm	1	JD395	8:05am	3:30pm	4
JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4	JD395	8:50pm	5:00am+1	7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:30am	7:50am	2, 6	3U8645	7:50pm	2:40am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA117/183	9:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM	UA192/174	9:45pm	8:12am+1	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA117/183	9:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/174	10:25pm	8:12am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA117/193	9:15am	10:40pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR	UA184/174	11:30pm	8:12am+1	2, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:40am	1 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	HX076	5:20pm	00:30am+1	3, 7
UO43	5:35am	8:25am	1	UO42	6:25pm	1:20am+1	7
UO43	5:50am	8:40am	3, 5, 7	UO42	9:25pm	4:20am+1	2, 4, 6
UA117/159	9:15am	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	UA116/174	10:45pm	8:12am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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SAIPAN TO ROTA				1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily	1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily	1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily	1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
ROTA TO SAIPAN				1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily	1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily	1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily	1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily
ROTA TO GUAM							
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY				
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily				
GUAM TO ROTA							
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY				
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily				
SAIPAN TO TINIAN							
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY				
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily				
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily				

WITNESSES

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mer glory. All this construction and remodeling requires skilled construction labor—a commodity in short supply on Saipan.

Why don't we have enough workers to complete the new hotel in San Antonio, the IPI resort hotel in Garapan, the new

mid-price hotel in Tanapag, the resort in San Roque or the ocean view hotel above Vestcor Village on Capita Hill? All these are projects already underway. They have been partially completed for years and all are without the basic necessity of any construction project—skilled construction workers. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration

Services and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection are the problem. These U.S. bureaucracies, controlled from 8,000 miles away, artificially inhibit the supply of construction labor they allow to enter our small islands.

We don't have anything close to enough welders, plumbers, electricians, masons, or carpenters needed to do these jobs on Saipan, so they need to come in from outside. There are tens of thousands of such skilled workers ready and willing to come here. They are located fairly close by in the Philippines, China, Korea, Taiwan, etc., but the U.S. government keeps

the marketplace for labor from working as it should. Our tiny economy is delicately balanced. It needs now, and will continue to need in the future, outside workers in construction, hospitality and other industries from time to time. We are being strangled by USCIS and CBP. Why? Either benign neglect, or a desire to keep the CNMI economy on its knees. Either way we need to cure this systemic problem or dry up and die as a viable economic entity.

Is there a cure? Sure there is. Call for Covenant 902 talks and force the issue with the US.. Let us control our own supply of labor and our own

immigration policy. We can determine the right amount of temporary construction workers to let in and when to send them back home better than the U.S. can. Right now, a very unfair system is strictly enforced here in the CNMI while these same U.S. agencies allow millions of illegals to pour across the borders of the U.S. mainland. Millions of illegals from Mexico, Central America, and, yes, Asia, are allowed into the U.S. without so much as a whimper. In fact, they are encouraged to flood in by being given access to free services instead of being deported. This disparity is killing the CNMI economy. On

purpose...or by accident? You be the judge.

Next week we'll look at a U.S. admiral and two general's Earhart on Saipan confirmations in Part 2 of military excerpts from Marie Castro and Mike Campbell's book, and maybe have space to talk about the global smarming narrative.

No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.

—Eleanor Roosevelt

Bullying is a horrible thing. It sticks with you forever. It poisons you. But only if you let it.

—Heather Brewer

GARAPAN

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Portland Progress, who impressed us with the achievements of that city's BID. The following year, a guest speaker was president of the BID encompassing New York's famous Times Square. She recounted their BID's success in curbing crime, attracting business, and creating an inviting environment for visitors and residents both.

At that time, Rick Egged, presently with the Waikiki Improvement Association, and I and some other key, like-minded individuals collaborated on advocating for county legislation to create a BID for Waikiki. Rick organized the business community, while I was the advocate on the government side from my position as planning committee chairman and, later, council chairman. This partnership resulted in the passage in 2000 of a comprehensive law spelling out the details of the BID, which I later strongly supported as mayor and now as the head of HLTA, the state's largest private sector visitor industry organization.

There are thousands of these BIDs across the United States and they serve a variety of purposes, depending on what the businesses want. But, in general, a BID will provide some service that supplements or complements the public services provided by government.

In Waikiki, for example, while the city government constructs the sidewalks, the BID cleans and maintains them. The city installed the landscaping along key Waikiki streets, but the BID maintains it. The city provides trash pickup once a day, but the BID schedules two more pickups a day to handle the volume.

The BID funds an Aloha Patrol, a team that provides information, reports violations of zoning regulations, and takes on other tasks. Patrol members staff the security cameras at the Waikiki police substation, relieving uniformed officers of this task.

More ambitious BIDs can take on larger responsibilities, such as capital improvements, but that decision rests with the BID governing board.

The operating money for a BID comes from the assess-

ment of a fee on commercial property owners. It is funded entirely from the private sector. The key point is that the property owners, through a board of directors, determines how the money is to be spent and on what, not the government.

For Garapan, a BID, or any name the group chooses, can undertake a number of efforts to rejuvenate the district. Some possibilities offered by stakeholders include enforcing zoning and building regulations, developing more parking, maintaining the landscaping and sidewalks, having property owners clean overgrown lots, or developing an awning project to draw visitors to the streets during daylight hours.

Longer-term projects, requiring government support, include constructing sidewalks and installing streetlights, improving drainage and traffic management, and other larger-scale investments. We also envisage greater use of American Memorial Park for large community events like festivals, concerts, and other activities.

The beauty of a BID is that the BID board determines its goals and how it spends its money. My associates, Rick Egged and Gregg Hirata, and I recently concluded a talk-story listening tour of Saipan that was coordinated by the Commonwealth's Office of Planning and Development, led by Kodep Ogumuro-Uludong and Chris Concepcion, to explain and gauge support for such a concept. Although more meetings and research need to be done, the reception to this idea thus far from business, government, and community leaders has been very positive and encouraging.

Now the work begins with the passage of legislation authorizing BIDs and the formation of a business group to organize the property owners and set specific goals and deadlines. In that regard, we'll be working closely with the Office of Planning and Development, which will spearhead the effort on behalf of the CNMI government. For this public-private partnership to work, this needs to be a community-based planning process with an emphasis on input from all segments of the areas that are going to be impacted.

Healthy Emotion-focused Coping Skills

Whether you're feeling lonely, nervous, sad, or angry, emotion-focused coping skills can help you deal with your feelings in a healthy way. Healthy coping strategies may soothe you, temporarily distract you, or help you tolerate your distress. While it would be important to use coping skills to help relieve some of your distress, coping strategies shouldn't be about constantly distracting you from reality. Other times, coping skills may help you change your mood. If you've had a bad day at work, playing with your kids or watching a funny movie might cheer you up. Or, if you're angry about something someone said, a healthy coping strategy might help you calm down before you say something you might regret.

- 1 EXERCISE**
- 2 WRITE/DRAW IN A JOURNAL**
- 3 LISTEN TO MUSIC**
- 4 SPEND TIME IN NATURE**
- 5 PRAY**
- 6 MEDITATE**
- 7 COOK A MEAL**
- 8 ENGAGE IN A HOBBY**
- 9 PRACTICE BREATHING EXERCISES**
- 10 LIST THE THINGS YOU ARE GRATEFUL FOR**
- 11 GARDEN**
- 12 DO YOGA**
- 13 USE PROGRESSIVE MUSCLE RELAXATION**
- 14 TAKE CARE OF YOUR BODY**
in a way that makes you feel good (paint your nails, do your hair, put on a face mask)
- 15 SMILE**

For more information visit the System of Care office located at: San Antonio, Saipan or call us at: (670) 664-4607/05 to 09. Sinapalo, Rota or call us at: (670) 532-6463. Email: cgcsystemsofcare@gmail.com
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For more tips on healthy coping strategies visit: www.verywellmind.org

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Club C turns 5

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Tomorrow, July 20, 2019 marks the fifth anniversary of Club C, which positions itself as the leader in e-gaming in the CNMI.

Located in Kanoa Resort in Susupe, Club C will celebrate its milestone with promotions that food & beverage manager Anita Go said their regular guests will truly enjoy.

"On Saturday, from 9pm to 12:30am, we will have a raffle every hour. Guests get to avail of raffle tickets based on the games that they play—poker net using bingo balls, card game called 'hard match' and baccarat," she said.

Winning the raffle will earn guests consolation prizes and entitle them to join Club C's main game called "Deal Chal-

lenger," which is similar to the Deal or No Deal television show where the grand prize is \$2,500.

"We want to be known as the one-stop-shop for our games and entertainment. Aside from being the go-to place of gamers, non-gamers can also come here as we also have entertainment for them," Go said.

Club C has a bar and restaurant that opens from 5pm onwards. Their menu has American, Filipino, Japanese, and Korean dishes.



The bar has a happy hour where guests can order Club C's bucket promo. For only \$20, avail of five bottles or six

cans in the bucket and that includes an appetizer. There is also a "Carlsberg tower" that five people can share for only \$15.

Club C, an e-gaming club located in Kanoa Resort in Susupe, is marking its fifth anniversary tomorrow. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

There is a live band playing every Friday and Saturday and VIP karaoke is available everyday from 6pm to 12am for only \$20 consumable.

"We would like to thank our regular customers for their continuous patronage. ...We look forward to many more years as we maintain and keep improving our service," Go said.

For more information about their promos and raffles, call Go at 234-0088 or check Club C's Facebook page, "Club C."

APAFS' board of governors welcomes 3 new members

The Asia Pacific Association for Fiduciary Studies has appointed three new members to its board of governors for the year 2019. They are Randall V. Wiegand, Francis Carlos Domnick, and Daisy Alik-Momotaro.



Wiegand

Wiegand represents the University of Guam board of regents investment committee where he serves as the vice president for administration and finance.

Prior to that, he served 11 ½ years at the Guam Power Authority as chief financial officer—four years of which he also served as CFO for GPA and the Guam Waterworks Authority.

He is also a member of the board that oversees the use of the Guam Accountancy Endowment Fund and the treasurer of the Research Corp. of the University of Guam.

He holds a bachelor's degree in Business Finance from the Seattle Pacific University and master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Washington with an emphasis in Finance and International Business.

Aside from these, he is also a certified public accountant, a certified government financial manager, a certified fraud examiner, a chartered global management accountant and an accredited investment fiduciary.

Joining Wiegand on the APAFS board of governors is Domnick to represent the Marshall Islands where he serves as the chief executive officer of the Office of Commerce, Investment, and Tourism.

Prior to his current position, Domnick served on the



Domnick

board of directors for Marshall Islands Social Security Administration. He was also the chief executive officer of Anil Development Inc. and chief administrative officer and chief of staff of the College of Marshall Islands.

He finished his bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Spring Hill College in the U.S. and holds a master's degree in Business Administration from the University of South Pacific, Marshall Islands.



Momotaro

Completing the roster of board of governors is Alik-Momotaro, who also represents the Marshall Islands where she serves as the chairperson of the Judicial & Governmental Relations Committee.

Alongside this role, she is an elected member of the parliament of Jaluit Atoll.

Prior to this, Alik-Momotaro served as a permanent for the secretary Ministry of Internal Affairs and executive director of Women United Together Marshall Islands. She is also highly involved in programs and associations for women.

Alik-Momotaro finished her double degree in Communication Studies and Gender Studies from Portland State University, Oregon and took her master's degree in Business Administration from the University of South Pacific, Marshall Islands. (PR)




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Business

Pepoy's Restcafe opens in CK



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Pepoy's Restcafe is located in the Armatech Building in Chalan Kanoa just right after the traffic stoplight at the U.S. Post Office.

By **MARK RABAGO**

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Check out the newly opened Pepoy's Restcafe in the Armatech Building in Chalan Kanoa, just right after the stoplight at the U.S. Post Office.

Pepoy's is owned by the husband-and-wife team of Bong and Malou Malasarte. The two also own Armatech Corp.

"We decided to open Pepoy's because we want...

our community to have a... comfortable hub where they can dine and socialize with family and friends with great comfort food and good company," said Bong Malasarte.

Pepoy's has an international cuisine, but it's bestseller so far has been its piping-hot *bulalo*, a Filipino stew made from beef shanks and marrow bones.

Bong Malasarte said he wants Pepoy's to be a relaxing hangout—a restcafe—

and a place where people can enjoy tasty yet affordable food. It could also serve as a spot where white collar-types can transact business, with Pepoy's serving fresh brewed coffee throughout the day.

"We want to satisfy our customers with good taste of food and affordable price. We also

want to create a comfortable ambiance where people are... at ease," he said.

Pepoy's is also unique because its furniture is made with wooden pallets and, for a limited time, the restaurant is giving away a Pepoy's T-shirt for orders of more than \$30.

Asked why they opened a

new business venture during uncertain economic times, Bong Malasarte said the food business is actually austerity-free because everyone needs to "eat three times a day."

"We understand the current government situation and the austerity measure that they are implementing. But we feel this

is also good timing to put up Pepoy's. The place offers an alternative to a hungry stomach," he said.

Pepoy's Restcafe is open daily from 6am to 10pm. It can sit a maximum of 40 customers. For any questions on the menu, take out, or catering, call 483-8895.

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

**IN THE
MATTER
OF THE
ESTATE OF**)
) **Consolidates**
) **Cases:**
)
ELEANOR B.) **Civil Action**
DELOS REYES) **No. 16-0079**
Decedent.)
BANK OF GUAM,) **Civil Action**
Plaintiff,) **No. 14-0150**
vs.) **NOTICE OF**
ELEANOR B.) **AUCTION**
DELOS REYES) **ON THE**
and JESSIE) **MORTGAGED**
S. DELOS REYES,) **PROPERTY**
Defendants.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property entered in the above titled action on June 13, 2019, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due to Plaintiff Bank of Guam from the Estate of Eleanor B. Delos Reyes and Defendant Jessie S. Delos Reyes, as prescribed in the Order Granting the Amended Motion for Order of Judicial Sale. The undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on **August 29, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.**, at the Law Office Robert T. Torres, Law Office, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being in Dandan on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot No. 010 K 102, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 010 K 01 the original of which was recorded 19 AUG 1987 as Document No. 87-2911 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

Terms and Conditions of Sale:

1. Public Sale. The auction shall be open to the general public.

2. With Reserve. The auction sale shall be held with reserve.

3. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the action sale:

- a. to withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted;
- b. to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
- c. to reject any and all bids.

4. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, Fax: (670) 234-5749; Email: rttl@pticom.com and robert.torres@rttlaw-group.com. Any person who submits his/her bid shall provide a copy of his/her valid Identification Card, or other legally acceptable form of identification. A written bid shall include the bidder's signature with his/her telephone number, mailing address, and any other contact information.

5. Deposit and Payment: A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, money order, or cashier's check. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title, and interest in any of the property, which will revert to Plaintiff Bank of Guam.

6. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and the Bank of Guam reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by the constructive notice.

7. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. Contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any buyer. A copy of the appraisal report and other documents pertaining to the mortgaged property to be sold at public auction is available upon request.

DATED this 24th day of June, 2019.

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
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**MARIANAS PUBLIC
LAND TRUST,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

ANN DORIS M. BABAUTA,

Defendant.

**Civil Action
No. 16-0220**

**NOTICE OF
AUCTION AND
JUDICIAL SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property entered in the above titled action on May 28, 2019, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due to Plaintiff Marianas Public Land Trust from Defendant Ann Doris M. Babauta, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on August 16, 2019, at 10:00 A.M., at the Marianas Public Land Trust Conference Room in Capital Hill, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot No. 011 G 335, containing an area of 788 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Survey Official Cadastral Plat No. 011 G 06 dated December 1, 1993, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 93-4414, dated December 16, 1993.

Terms and Conditions of Sale

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2. With Reserve: The auction sale shall be held with reserve.

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DATED this 10th day of June, 2019.

/s/ ROBERT T. TORRES, F0197
Auctioneer

Nation

Asylum ban may further strain immigrant detention facilities

SAN DIEGO (AP)—A new policy to deny asylum to anyone who shows up on the Mexican border after traveling through another country threatens to exacerbate overcrowding at severely strained U.S. immigration detention centers and makeshift holding areas.

Photos and video of Vice President Mike Pence's visit Friday to McAllen, Texas, showing men crammed behind chain-link fences offered the latest glimpse into squalid conditions at Customs and Border Protection facilities. Women are being held in smaller tents at the station.

The Border Patrol housed 900 people in an area with capacity for 125 in El Paso, Texas, according to a Department of Homeland Security's internal watchdog report on an unannounced visit in May. Inspectors saw detainees standing on toilets to gain breathing space. Agents described detainees being held in standing-room-only cells for weeks.

A sharp drop in illegal border crossings, coming during a seasonal decline as summer heat sets in, has eased pressure temporarily. The Border Patrol has fewer than 10,000 people in custody, down from

19,000 in May, according to a U.S. official who was not authorized to share the figures publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Border Patrol's Rio Grande Valley sector, the busiest corridor for illegal crossings, was the only one of nine sectors on the Mexican border over capacity on Wednesday, with about 6,000 detainees, the official said. El Paso has plummeted to 500 detainees.

Still, the space crunch is daunting and holding people who are denied asylum until they are deported can only pose more challenges.

Immigration and Customs

Enforcement operates long-term detention centers that are far better equipped, but that agency is also heavily burdened. It is holding more than 53,000 people, hovering near an all-time high and above its budgeted capacity of 45,274, including 2,500 spots for families.

ICE, responding to scarce detention space for families, has released more than 200,000 family members since October under a new practice that does not allow time to make travel arrangements while in custody. It currently houses 311 people in families.

Number of US overdose deaths appears to be falling

NEW YORK (AP)—U.S. overdose deaths last year likely fell for the first time in nearly three decades, preliminary numbers suggest.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Wednesday posted data showing nearly 68,000 drug overdose deaths were reported last year. The number may go up as more investigations are completed, but the agency expects the tally will end up below 69,000.

Overdose deaths had been climbing each year since 1990, topping 70,000 in 2017.

The numbers were celebrated by the U.S. secretary of health and human services. "Lives are being saved, and we're beginning to win the

fight against this crisis," Alex Azar wrote in a tweet.

But the overdose death rate is still about seven times higher than it was a generation ago.

"We're still in a pretty sad situation that we need to address," said Rebecca Haffajee, a University of Michigan researcher.

Researchers do not believe this is the start of a dramatic decline. Data from the first months of this year likely will show that the decrease is not gaining steam, said Farida Ahmad of the CDC's National Center for Health Statistics.

The improvement was driven by a drop in deaths from heroin and prescription painkillers. Those falls were

offset somewhat by continuing growth in deaths involving a different opioid, fentanyl, as well as other drugs such as cocaine and methamphetamines. Overdose deaths often involve more than one drug.

The improvement is not uniform: Some states seem to be making dramatic progress, while deaths continue to rise in others. The preliminary CDC data suggested deaths last year were down by as many as 1,000 or more in Ohio and Pennsylvania—each seeing declines of about 20%. Meanwhile, deaths increased by about 17% in Missouri, which had more than 200 additional deaths.

It can take months for authorities to complete toxicol-

ogy tests and other elements of a death investigation involving drugs. And some states report faster than others. The CDC is expected to report more complete data later this year.

The current overdose epidemic has killed more people than any other in U.S. history, and it had been on a soaring trajectory. From 2014 to 2017, overdose deaths jumped by 5,000 or more each year.

Experts trace the epidemic's origins to 1995 and the marketing of the prescription painkiller OxyContin. It was meant be safer and more effective than other prescription opioids, but some patients got hooked and found they could crush the tablets and snort or inject them to get high.



**COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY
MULTI YEAR FINANCIAL AND
COMPLIANCE AUDIT SERVICES**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
CPA-RFP-010-19**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed cost proposal for auditing services for a period of three (3) fiscal years. The location and scope of work package is available beginning July 19, 2019 at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, at the Saipan International Airport.

Interested proposers must submit one original and three copies of the sealed proposal. Only proposals from U.S. nationally recognized firms will be accepted.

The sealed proposals must be submitted before 4:30 p.m. LOCAL TIME, August 16, 2019, at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building, at the Saipan International Airport. CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if in its opinion to do so is in CPA's best interest.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
NMC RFP 19-002**

NMC CREES AQUACULTURE FACILITY PROJECT

Northern Marianas College is soliciting sealed proposal for the renovation, repair and Design and Build of CREES Aquaculture Facility, As Terlaje Campus.

Specifications and Scope of Work packages may be picked up at the **NMC Procurement Office, Bldg. O-1 commencing Wednesday, June 19, 2019, between the hours of 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

Proposal Packages are due no later than 10:00 a.m., July 19, 2019, at Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. O-1, Administrative Services Office, Saipan, MP 96950.

For Proposers located outside of the CNMI: you may request a copy of the RFP via email to Anita Camacho (anita.camacho@marianas.edu).

Mandatory pre-proposal meeting and Site Inspection: July 03, 2019 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., Building J, CREES Conference room.

Discussion may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers.

NMC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reasons and/or to waive any defects in any proposals if, in its sole discretion, to do so will be in the best interest of the College. All proposals shall become the property of NMC.

/s/ **Anita Camacho**
NMC Procurement Manager

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Asia

ASIAN BRIEFS

Suspected arson in Japan animation studio kills 1, 35 hurt

TOKYO (AP)—A man burst into a famous animation production studio in Kyoto and started a fire early Thursday, leaving at least one dead and 35 others injured, some critically, Japanese authorities said. The fire broke out at a three-story building of Kyoto Animation in Uji city in southern Kyoto, after the suspect spread an unidentified liquid that set off the blaze, Kyoto prefectural police and fire department officials said. One person died of severe burns, said fire department official Satoshi Fujiwara. Ten of the injured were in serious condition, many of them suffering from burns, he said. The suspect was also injured and taken to a hospital, officials said. Police are investigating the man on suspicion of arson. Footage on Japan’s NHK national television showed gray smoke billowing from the charred building. Rescue officials set up a tent outside the studio building to provide first aid and sort out the injured. Fire department officials say more than 70 people were in the building at the time of the fire, but most of them ran outside.

S. Korea’s central bank lowers rate amid Japan trade row

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea’s central bank on Thursday cut its policy rate for the first time in three years to shore up growth threatened by a trade dispute with Japan. The Bank of Ko-

rea lowered its key interest rate by a quarter percentage point to 1.50% following a meeting of its monetary policy committee, which also cut its growth forecast for the country’s economy this year from 2.5% to just above 2%. The bank cited slowing exports and domestic investment and volatility in financial markets related to the trade war between the U.S. and China and Japanese curbs on certain technology exports to South Korea. The bank had hiked the rate by 0.25% points in November and last lowered borrowing costs in June 2016. The bank said in a statement it will “carefully monitor developments such as the U.S.-China trade dispute, Japan’s export restrictions, any changes in the economies and monetary policies of major countries ... and geopolitical risks, while examining their effects on domestic growth and inflation.” Lee Ju-yeol, the bank’s governor, said South Korea’s exports and domestic investment during the first half of the year were more sluggish than expected and that it’s “hard to be optimistic about the (economic) conditions moving forward.”

US sanctions Myanmar generals over killings of Rohingya

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States has hit four top Myanmar generals, including the country’s commander in chief and his deputy, with sanctions over the mass killings of Rohingya Muslims. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said in a statement Tuesday that the four are responsible for “gross human rights violations” in-

volving extrajudicial killings in an ethnic cleansing campaign against the Muslim Rohingya minority in Myanmar’s northern Rakhine state. The sanctions bar those targeted and their immediate families from traveling to the United States. The four men are: Commander-in-Chief Min Aung Hlaing, his deputy Soe Win, and two subordinates deemed responsible for the abuses. Myanmar’s military has been accused of widespread rights violations leading about 700,000 Rohingya to flee the country since August 2017. Critics have urged that its actions be judged

by the International Criminal Court. “We remain concerned that the Burmese government has taken no actions to hold accountable those responsible for human rights violations and abuses, and there are continued reports of the Burmese military committing human rights violations and abuses throughout the country,” said the official announcement of the sanctions from the State Department.

Pakistan arrests US-wanted terror suspect in Mumbai attacks

MULTAN, Pakistan (AP)—Pakistan on Wednesday ar-

rested a radical cleric and U.S.-wanted terror suspect implicated in the 2008 Mumbai attacks, officials said, just days ahead of Prime Minister Imran Khan’s trip to Washington. Hafiz Saeed was taken into custody in Punjab province while traveling from the eastern city of Lahore to the city of Gujranwala, according to counterterrorism official Mohammad Shafiq. Saeed founded the Lashkar-e-Taiba group, which was blamed for the Mumbai attacks that killed 166 people. His charity organizations, Jamaat-ud-Dawa and Falah-e-Insaniat, are alleged

fronts for Lashkar-e-Taiba. The United States has offered a \$10 million reward for Saeed’s arrest and Washington recently stepped up pressure on Islamabad to crack down on terror groups. In response, Pakistan registered over a dozen cases against Saeed and several of his associates, accusing them of funding militant groups through charities and leading to Wednesday’s arrest. “After a ten year search, the so-called “mastermind” of the Mumbai Terror attacks has been arrested in Pakistan,” President Donald Trump tweeted Wednesday.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
XINGSHA HOTEL
PERMIT APPLICATION NO. TMS-2019-X-020


The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing for the proposed construction and operation of the Xingsha Hotel project.

The Tinian Hairui Real Estate Co., LLC is proposing to construct and operate the Xingsha Hotel along 8th Avenue and Kammer Beach, on Lot No. 040 T 06, in San Jose, Tinian. The proposed hotel consists of three 3-story building complex with a total of 138 unit guest rooms, 112 parking spaces, a storage area, control room, lobby and reception area, snack bar, and kitchen and dining areas with seating capacity of about 24 persons.


The public hearing for this project is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 6, 2019, 5PM. The venue, which will be located on Tinian, will be announced at a later date.**

Written comments can be submitted to the DCRM Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mailed to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, P.O. Box 501304, or sent by fax at 664-8315. The project files are open for review and comments during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application records and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed projects. Please contact the DCRM at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Xingsha Hotel project.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
As of July 19, 2019

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DCRM OFFICE:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. Saipan Golden Bridge Service Corporation	06/06/2019 SLR-2019-X-037	SCUBA Diving Tour Operation/Instruction	Tank Beach, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 06/25/2019*
2. Ignacia T. Saures	06/21/2019 SW-2019-X-009 Amendment 2019-1	Backfilling	Chalan Laulau, Saipan	Wetlands & Mangrove	Approved 07/15/2019
3. Selfish Saipan Inc.	06/14/2019 SLR-2019-X-038	SCUBA Diving Tour Operation/Instruction	Laulau Bay, Grotto, & Obyan, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 06/25/2019*
4. GPPC, Inc.	06/24/2019 SPI-2019-X-042	Temporary Staging Area	Lower Base, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved 07/03/2019*
5. Saipan Crewboats Inc.	06/25/2019 SPI-2019-X-043	Drydock	Lower Base, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved 07/09/2019*
6. Department of Public Works	07/02/2019 SS-2019-X-047	Traffic Signal System Installation	Quartermaster, Saipan	Shoreline	Approved 07/12/2019*
7. Saipan Dive Academy, Inc.	07/10/2019 STLR-2018-X-125-R2	SCUBA Diving Tour Operation/Instruction	All Dive Sites, Saipan & Tinian	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
8. The Rose Empire Corporation	07/11/2019 SLR-2018-X-156-R2	SCUBA Diving Tour Operation/Instruction	Mañagaha	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
9. The Rose Empire Corporation	07/11/2019 SLR-2018-X-157-R2	SCUBA Diving Tour Operation/Instruction	Outer Cove Marina, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
10. The Rose Empire Corporation	07/11/2019 SLR-2018-X-158-R2	Parasailing & Snorkeling	Outer Cove Marina, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
11. Aquatic Marine Co., dba Aquatic Marine Sports	07/11/2018 SLR-2018-X-154-R2	Personal Watercrafts	Outer Cove Marina, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
12. Aquatic Marine Co., dba Aquatic Marine Sports	07/11/2019 SLR-2018-155-R2	Banana Boat, Parasailing & Snorkeling	Outer Cove Marina, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
13. Hafadai Ocean Adventures, LLC	07/15/2019 SLR-2018-X-132-R2	Paddle Board, Sailing, Snorkeling, & Outrigger Canoe	Saipan Lagoon	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
14. Yumiko Brundidge dba Naka's Diving Services	07/15/2019 STLR-2018-X-143-R2	SCUBA Diving	All Dive Sites, Saipan & Tinian	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
15. Changjiang Corp. dba Eagle Marine Sports	07/16/2019 SLR-2108-X-144-R2	Snorkeling	Managaha, Grotto	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
16. Blue Bay Diving Club SLR-2019-X-048	07/16/2019	SCUBA Diving	Laolao Bay & Grotto	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review*
17. Amodiving Center, Inc. SLR-2018-X-082-R2	07/18/2019	SCUBA & Snorkeling	Managaha & All Dive Sites	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review

NMIAC §15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulations requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APCs) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

World

Ebola outbreak in Congo declared a global health emergency

GENEVA (AP)—The deadly Ebola outbreak in Congo is now an international health emergency, the World Health Organization announced Wednesday after a case was confirmed in a city of 2 million people.

A WHO expert committee declined on three previous occasions to advise the United Nations health agency to make the declaration for this outbreak, even though other experts say it has long met the required conditions. More than 1,600 people have died since August in the second-deadliest Ebola outbreak in history, which is unfolding in a region

described as a war zone.

A declaration of a global health emergency often brings greater international attention and aid, along with concerns that nervous governments might overreact with border closures.

Full Coverage: Ebola virus The declaration comes days after a single case was confirmed in Goma, a major regional crossroads in northeastern Congo on the Rwandan border, with an international airport. Also, a sick Congolese fish trader traveled to Uganda and back while symptomatic—and later died of Ebola. While the risk of regional



spread remains high, the risk outside the region remains low, WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said after the announcement in Geneva.

In this photograph taken Sunday July 14, 2019, an Ebola victim is put to rest at the Muslim cemetery in Beni, Congo DRC.

money—even though WHO estimated “hundreds of millions” of dollars would be needed to stop the epidemic. Dr. Joanne Liu, president of Doctors Without Borders, said she hoped the emergency designation would prompt a radical reset of Ebola response efforts.

“The reality check is that a year into the epidemic, it’s still not under control, and we are not where we should be,” she said. “We cannot keep doing the same thing and expect dif-

ferent results.” Liu said vaccination strategies should be broadened and that more efforts should be made to build trust within communities.

The U.S. Agency for International Development applauded the WHO decision and said USAID officials would “continue to scale up life-saving support” to end the outbreak.

This is the fifth such declaration in history. Previous emergencies were declared for the devastating 2014-16 Ebola outbreak in West Africa that killed more than 11,000 people, the emergence of Zika in the Americas, the swine flu pandemic and polio.

Confusion, fear spread on Mexico border with new US policy

NUEVO LAREDO, Mexico (AP)—Asylum-seekers gathered in Nuevo Laredo, across the border from Texas, grappled to understand what a new U.S. policy that all but eliminates refugee claims by Central Americans and many others meant for their bids to find a better life in America amid a chaos of rumors, confusion and fear.

Full Coverage: Immigration The policy went into effect Tuesday and represents the most forceful attempt to date by President Donald Trump to slash the number of people seeking asylum in the United States. It denies asylum to anyone who shows up on the U.S. border after traveling through another country, something Central American migrants have to do.

In some parts of Nuevo Laredo, migrants continued

to trickle into shelters, including seven members of a family from the Mexican state of Michoacan, who fled the shootings and extortions in their violent region and were happy to find shelter even though some had to sleep in the hallway. They hoped they could get asylum because they did not pass through another country to reach the border. But about 70 mostly Central American migrants, who had crossed Mexico to reach the border, were returned to Mexico with an appointment with a judge tucked in a transparent plastic bag—part of another recently imposed policy of requiring many asylum seekers to wait in Mexico rather than the U.S.

Some bitter, they assembled in the National Institute of Migration facility next to the international bridge with

a cluster of women cradling children, men asking questions and small children running around under the watchful eye of parents. “They didn’t deport us but they took us out (of the U.S.) in a bad way; in theory we wait for a hearing,” said Nolvín Godoy, a 29-year-old Guatemalan who has gone deep into debt paying a coyote almost \$10,000 to take him, his wife and her 2-year-old son to get them across the Rio Grande to turn themselves in to U.S. authorities. After 10 days in a detention center in the U.S., they say they were given an appointment with a judge in September to begin the asylum process. Now they’ve been sent back to Mexico and hold out little hope of being able to appear before the judge on the date set.

US sets tight travel limitations for Iran’s UN diplomats

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—The U.S. is tightly limiting travel by Iranian officials visiting or assigned to the United Nations, sparking concern from the world body.

Representatives to the U.N. from Iran and some other countries have long had some limitations on their movements. But the new rules for Iranians—imposed as its foreign minister was preparing to arrive for U.N. meetings this week—are particularly strict.

Visiting officials, Iranian diplomats posted at the country’s U.N. mission and their families now can travel only among Kennedy airport and three places in Manhattan: the mission, the Iranian ambassador’s residence and a six-block radius that includes the U.N. headquarters, according to a diplomatic note sent Saturday to Iranian offi-


cials and seen by The Associated Press. The diplomats can seek waivers for housing or hotels, but it is not known whether waivers would be granted or whether they could apply to doctors’ appointments, children’s schooling or other activities.

The new rules come amid rising tensions between two longtime adversaries. It’s not immediately clear whether the limitations are the tightest the U.S. has ever imposed, but they are far more restrictive than a previous policy that let Iranian representatives to the U.N. travel within a 25-mile radius of Columbus Circle in midtown Manhattan.

“It is certainly not a friendly action,” Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif told reporters Wednesday at the U.N.

He said that while he personally didn’t need to go beyond the permitted places, the restrictions created “basically inhuman conditions” for the mission’s diplomats and their families. U.N. deputy spokesman Farhan Haq said the organization had raised concerns about the limitations with the U.S. and Iranian missions.

“We’ll continue to take up the matter as needed,” he said. The U.S. State Department said the restrictions are “fully consistent with our obligations” as the U.N.’s host country. “The U.S. intends to stick to its obligations,” the department said Wednesday. Tehran and Washington severed diplomatic ties after the 1979 Islamic Revolution in Iran and the hostage crisis that ensued when militant students stormed the U.S. Embassy.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FOR THE MONITORING SERVICES FOR THE POST CLOSURE OF THE
PUERTO RICO DUMPSITE IN GARAPAN, SAIPAN

RFP19-GOV-097

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios, through the Capital Improvement Office (CIP), (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified contractors to provide **Labor, Material and Equipment for the MONITORING SERVICES of the Post Closure Maintenance of the Puerto Rico Dumpsite (Now called Governor Eloy S. Inos Peace Park)** in Garapan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, currently in effect, and with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC) §70-30-3-725 Gratuities and Kickbacks and §70.30.3-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the CNMI.

The project package is available at the Governor's CIP Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan. A pre-proposal meeting regarding this project will be held on Wednesday, August 5, 2019, 10:00 a.m. ChST, at the CIP Office in Capitol Hill. Questions regarding the Request for Proposals shall be addressed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia, P.E., Project Manager, CIP Office, at esb.cip@gmail.com or facsimile (670) 664-2408 no later than 4:00 p.m., ChST, August 7, 2019.

The total proposal length shall not exceed 15 pages in length. A contractor that submits a proposal as a prime contractor cannot submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, as a subcontractor, a company may be included in multiple proposals by different contractors.

Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:	
1. Qualifications and experience on similar projects	30%
2. Past Performance with CNMI Projects	30%
3. Cost	40%

Performance time for completion of this project will be a two year contract with an option to renew for six months upon issuance of notice to proceed. Contractors will be assessed \$200/day for any delays in the monitoring and reporting to BECQ and USEPA based on the Post Closure Maintenance Plan prepared by GHD Inc., May 2014.

Discussions shall be conducted with at least the top 3 ranked contractors. After a selection is made, negotiations will be conducted with the highest qualified contractor to determine the final fair and reasonable price of the contract for the work to be performed. The successful proposers will be subjected to a responsibility and responsiveness determination in compliance with Section 3-301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

Proposals must be sealed and marked RFP19-GOV-097 "To provide Labor, Materials and Equipment for the MONITORING SERVICES OF THE POST CLOSURE MAINTENANCE OF PUERTO RICO DUMPSITE" in Garapan, Saipan. For proposers within the CNMI, one original and three (3) copies of the proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Building No. 1301, Ascencion Drive, Capitol Hill on Saipan no later than 10:00 a.m. ChST, August 19, 2019. Proposals located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of intent to propose. Notices of intent to propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., ChST, August 19, 2019 and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@cnmidof.net.

For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and three (3) copies of the sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than August 19, 2019 and must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than August 28p, 2019. Failure to submit the required number of copies of the proposal may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

BREACH OF ETHICAL STANDARDS
(To be part of Solicitation for Quotes, ITBs and RFPs)

- **Gratuities.** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any person to offer, give or agree to give any employee or former employee, or for any employee or former employee to solicit, demand, accept or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation of any part of a program requirement or a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter, pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract or to any solicitation or proposal therefore. NMIAC Section 70-30.3-725(a).
- **Kickbacks.** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any payment, gratuity or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor or any person associated therewith as an inducement for the award of subcontractor or order. NMIAC Section 70-30.3-725(b)
- **Contingent Fees.** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for a person to be retained, or to retain a person, to solicit or secure government contracts upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, except for retention of bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies for the purpose of securing business. NMIAC Section 70-30.3-730.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interests of the CNMI government.

Arnold I. Palacios, Acting Governor
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Off The Wall

US Air Force warns vs joke to 'storm' Area 51

LAS VEGAS (AP)—The U.S. Air Force has warned people against participating in an internet joke suggesting a large crowd of people “storm Area 51,” the top-secret Cold War test site in the Nevada desert.

A prank event on Facebook that’s attracted more than 1 million interested people suggests that a mass of people attempt to run into the mysterious site at 3 a.m. on Sept. 20.

The site is part of the vast Nevada Test and Training Range and has become the center of UFO conspiracy theories.

The Facebook event jokes “they can’t stop all of us” and

“Let’s see them aliens.”

Nellis Air Force Base said in a statement that the Air Force is aware of the Facebook posting and says “any attempt to illegally access the area is highly discouraged.”

The Air Force says it does not discuss its security measures and that the test and training range provides “flexible, realistic and multidimensional battlespace” for testing and “advanced training in support of U.S. national interests.”

After decades of government officials refusing to acknowledge Area 51, the CIA released declassified docu-

ments in 2013 referring to the 8,000-square mile (20,700-sq. kilometer) installation by name and locating it on a map near the dry Groom Lake bed.

The base has been a testing ground for a host of top-secret aircraft, including the U-2 in the 1950s and later the B-2 stealth bomber.

But secrecy surrounding the site has fueled conspiracy theories among UFO enthusiasts and sprouted a small, alien-themed tourist industry in surrounding desert communities, including alien-themed cafes, an alien-themed motel and an alien-themed brothel.

about two hours later.

Toxic lake in Russia's Siberia becomes selfie sensation

MOSCOW (AP)—Residents of a city in Siberia don’t need to fly off to tropical locales for picturesque selfies taken by pristine turquoise waters. Thousands of Novosibirsk residents—ranging from scantily clad women to newlyweds—have been busy Instagramming near a bright blue lake nicknamed the “Siberian Maldives.” The lake is blue, however, due to a chemical reaction between toxic waste elements from a local power station. Environmentalists are warning people against coming into contact with the water. “We can compare it only with photos of the Maldives,” said Sergey Griva, a local who visited the lake, adding he’s never been to the Maldives and couldn’t find it on a map.

Dmitry Shakhov, a Russian environmentalist, warned that the water in the lake can cause allergic reactions or even chemical burns if ingested or touched. “This water is saturated with heavy metals (and) harmful substances,” he said. The Siberian Generating Company said Friday it has deployed guards to keep trespassers at bay, but insists the lake presents no environmental danger.

Police: Don't flush drugs; you might make a 'meth-gator'

LORETTO, Tenn. (AP)—Police in Tennessee have asked residents not to toss drugs down the toilet, saying it could create “meth-gators” and stoned waterfowl. Loreto Police Department issued the Facebook warning “on

a more or less serious note” after arresting a man accused of trying to flush methamphetamine. The statement says flushed items end up in retention ponds frequented by ducks and geese. It then warns that if the drugs made it far enough, “we could create meth-gators” in the Tennessee River. In a follow-up post, the department noted that it was using humor to make its point. Yale ecology professor David K. Skelly says rampaging meth-fueled alligators aren’t a real cause for concern but the department does have a point in recommending not to flush drugs. He says fish in rivers all over the U.S. have been affected by chemicals that leave our homes.

Phony Ferraris, 'Shamborghini's' seized at Brazil factory

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—Brazilian police say they’ve shut down a clandestine factory that was producing fake Ferraris and sham Lamborghinis. A father and son who owned the workshop in the southern state of Santa Catarina have been arrested on industrial property charges. Police said the cars were being offered on social media for \$45,000 to \$60,000—a small fraction of the price of the real thing. Officials didn’t say what sort of parts were used to build the vehicles, but they distributed photos showing sleek bodies, as well as badges and accessories emblazoned with the Italian brands. Monday’s raid followed a complaint by the Italian companies. Eight partially finished vehicles were seized in the raid, and police said they are investigating how many were made.

Science & Technology

Myths and risks in app that gives peek into one's old self

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Is a peek into the future worth your privacy in the present? That concern was pushed to the spotlight this week with the resurgence of a smartphone app that uses artificial intelligence to transform your current face into your younger and older selves.

People raised fears on Twitter and other social media sites that on iPhones, FaceApp would be able to see and upload all your photos, including screenshots with sensitive financial or health information or photos of kids with the names of their schools in the background.

That’s not actually true, but the scuttle serves as a good reminder to think twice before downloading new apps.

Even large, mainstream

apps routinely collect user data. But many trendy-at-the-moment apps are guilty of mining user data as a primary purpose. Some personality quizzes on Facebook and similar services collect user information as a business, opening people up to breaches such as in the Cambridge Analytica scandal.

On Wednesday, the ranking Senate Democrat, Chuck Schumer, wrote in a letter to the FBI and Federal Trade Commission that he’s concerned FaceApp could pose “national security and privacy risks for millions of U.S. citizens.” The New York Democrat is asking the two agencies to assess the situation.

As for FaceApp, the app grabs a photo only if you specifically select it to see

your face change, security researcher and Guardian Firewall CEO Will Strafach said.

The confusion comes from an iPhone feature that shows your photo library within the app. It is an Apple feature that lets you select a specific photo, but doesn’t give the app full access to the library, even though it may appear that way.

You have the option of granting access to your entire photo library, but even then, there is no evidence the app is uploading anything other than the photo selected.

“I’m always looking for privacy concerns,” said Strafach, who used a network analyzer tool to track what was happening. “When it’s not happening, it’s not happening.”

Why your phone shouldn't go swimming

On a lake trip over July 4th weekend, my daughter’s iPhone 7 Plus ended up taking a dive. It was found in about 3 feet of water 24 hours later, still working but with some permanent damage. The experience provided a few lessons.

Immersion in water used to ruin a cellphone. That’s less true today because many newer phones are “water-resistant” (see tinyurl.com/y4gyjmxr)—but they are still not “waterproof.” Water-resistant phones are only designed to survive underwater for a while, under certain conditions. And most cellphone warranties still don’t cover water damage.

Be a little skeptical about water-resistant phones. Samsung was criticized for allegedly exaggerating the after-immersion performance of its water-resistant phones (see tinyurl.com/y2n3g2qh). Those phones were rated IP68, meaning they should survive 30 minutes underwater at a depth of 4.9 feet, or 1.5 meters. (See ratings at tinyurl.com/yyew9fc6).

That raises an interesting question: What can you expect from a phone that has spent some time underwater? I was surprised when my daughter’s phone emerged from the lake with its screen glowing and still worked—mostly. To appreciate my surprise, consider that the iPhone 7 Plus is an “older” device whose water-resistant

TECH Q&A

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qualities are less robust than today’s phones. Apple said the phone can withstand 30 minutes in 3 feet of water (its rating is IP67). But it actually survived 48 times that long.

While that was impressive, the iPhone still had problems: The phone’s camera suffered the most. Some moisture had gotten inside, which meant the camera took hazy photos. This seemed to improve when the iPhone had been dry a while, but then the haziness returned.

This underscored something I had learned years ago, when moisture seeped into the camera on my iPhone 5 during normal operating conditions: The camera is the most vulnerable part of a phone, and even a tiny bit of water will ruin it. (In that case, Apple replaced the phone because it was judged to have a manufacturing flaw rather than water damage.) The damage to my daughter’s iPhone suggests that the camera remains its most vulnerable part, even in the age of water-resistant phones.

■ The phone’s touch screen was initially a bit

sluggish, and sometimes did things I hadn’t asked it to. But after a few days in dry air, the touch screen worked fine.

■ At first, the phone’s screen was “jumpy” and the phone would shut down unexpectedly. This was probably because moisture had affected the battery (I could easily restart the phone by plugging it in). But those problems also disappeared in a few days.

■ The phone’s cellular and Wi-Fi connections worked perfectly.

■ My daughter’s chief concern was whether she could retrieve the thousands of photos stored on the phone. Fortunately, the phone’s flash memory was unaffected, and all the photos were still there.

As it turned out, my daughter’s photos had been backed up earlier to iCloud, Apple’s online service—but only because she had paid extra for enough online storage to hold thousands of photos. If your phone has a lot of photos, think about whether you have backed them up—before your phone goes swimming.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Welsh street named steepest in world; New Zealand loses out

LONDON (AP)—A street in Wales has been designated the steepest in the world after a successful campaign by residents. The title comes at the expense of a street in New Zealand, which has apparently been eclipsed in the steepness sweepstakes. Guinness World Records said Tuesday that the street of Ffordd Pen Llech in the seafront town of Harlech, 245 miles (395 kilometers) northwest of London, has a gradient of 37.45%, two percentage points steeper than the former title holder in Dunedin on New Zealand’s South Island. The Welsh campaign was led by businessman and architectural historian Gwyn Headley. He says he feels “jubilation” now that the street has been recognized. He says he feels sorry for New Zealand, but that “steeper is steeper.”

California officers reunite 250-pound tortoise with owners

SANTA YNEZ, Calif. (AP)—A 250-pound tortoise that wandered away from its home has been rescued after California Highway Patrol officers found it on the side of a road. And no, they didn’t arrest it for speeding. The highway patrol says it got a call about the big reptile Sunday evening. It was spotted on the shoulder of a road in Santa Ynez, about 100 miles (161 kilometers) northwest of Los Angeles. Santa Ynez Animal Rescue picked up the tortoise before CHP officers arrived. The CHP located the owners, put the tortoise in the patrol car and delivered it to them

Life & Style

Prosecutors drop groping case against Kevin Spacey

BOSTON (AP)—Prosecutors dropped a case Wednesday accusing Kevin Spacey of groping a young man at a resort island bar in 2016 after the accuser refused to testify about a missing cellphone the defense says contains information supporting the actor's claims of innocence.

Spacey was charged with indecent assault and battery last year in the only criminal case that has been brought against the actor since his career collapsed amid a slew of sexual misconduct allegations. The two-time Oscar winner was among the earliest and biggest names to be ensnared in the #MeToo movement against sexual assault and harassment that swept across the entertainment and other industries.

Full Coverage: Kevin Spacey Spacey denies groping the man, whose mother first went public with the allegations in 2017.

A phone message seeking comment was left with Spacey's lawyer.

The actor's accuser was ordered to take the stand earlier this month after he said he lost the cellphone he used the night of the alleged groping. The defense said it needed the phone to recover deleted text messages it says would help Spacey's case.

The man denied deleting messages or manipulating screenshots of conversations he provided to investigators. But when he was pressed by the defense about whether he knew that altering evidence is a crime, he invoked his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination, and the judge said his testimony would be stricken from the record.

The judge then questioned how prosecutors would be able to bring Spacey to trial if the accuser continued to refuse to testify, and prosecutors told



the judge they needed time to decide how to proceed.

On Wednesday, Cape and

Island District Attorney Michael O'Keefe said in court documents that they were

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In this June 3, 2019, file photo, actor Kevin Spacey attends a pretrial hearing at district court in Nantucket, Mass.

dropping the charge "due to an unavailability of the complaining witness."

Prosecutors said in an emailed statement that they met with the man and his lawyer Sunday and told him that if he wouldn't testify in further proceedings, they couldn't move forward with the case. The man "elected not to waive his right under the Fifth Amendment," prosecutors said.

Prosecutors said they could

further pursue the case and grant the accuser immunity but then they would need more than his uncorroborated testimony.

Furthermore, "a grant of immunity compromises the witness to a degree which, in a case where the credibility of the witness is paramount, makes the further prosecution untenable," they said.

Mitchell Garabedian, a lawyer for the accuser, said in email that the man and his family "have shown an enormous amount of courage under difficult circumstances." Garabedian said he had no further comment.

Lin-Manuel Miranda joins rally against Puerto Rico governor

NEW YORK (AP)—"Hamilton" creator Lin-Manuel Miranda has joined protests in New York demanding the resignation of Puerto Rico's governor.

Miranda led about 200 people, many from Puerto Rico, at a rally in Manhattan's Union Square on Wednesday. They waved Puerto Rican flags and followed him to a drumbeat, chanting in Spanish, "Viva Puerto Rico libre," which translates to "Long live free Puerto Rico."

A leaked series of chat messages has compounded

outrage over corruption. The messages show the governor and key aides mocking women, the disabled and Hurricane Maria victims.

Miranda said the alleged corruption surrounding the governor of the U.S. territory "is the last straw and Puerto Ricans are standing up against it."

Puerto Rico has been mired in crises, still struggling with debt and the aftermath of the 2017 hurricane that collapsed the country's electrical system and left thousands dead.

Janet, Chris Brown, 50 Cent to perform at Saudi concert

NEW YORK (AP)—Janet Jackson, Chris Brown, 50 Cent, Future and Tyga have been added to the lineup for the Jeddah World Fest, the concert in Saudi Arabia that Nicki Minaj pulled out of because of human rights concerns.

The website for the event, to take place Thursday at the King Abdullah Sports Stadium, posted photos of the newly added acts alongside previously announced performers

Liam Payne and Steve Aoki.

The Human Rights Foundation and other organizations have asked artists not to perform in Saudi Arabia, where gender segregation between single men and women is enforced in many restaurants, coffee shops, public schools and universities. Other rules have loosened in the kingdom with women now allowed to drive and attend events at sports stadiums.

Representatives for Jackson,

Brown, 50 Cent, Future and Tyga didn't immediately reply to emails seeking comment.

Thor Halvorssen, president of the Human Rights Foundation, criticized the entertainers in a statement Thursday to The Associated Press, saying it was "profoundly distressing that they have chosen money over morals."

He added: "These individuals constantly make public statements of support for

LGBT rights and women's rights, except, apparently, when a seven-figure check is attached. The hypocrisy is breathtaking. Principal apparently matters to them far more than principles."

Minaj said she pulled out of the concert because she wants to show support for women's rights, gay rights and freedom of expression. Human rights organizations praised the rapper for her decision.

Stats show how AOC dominating social media attention

NEW YORK (AP)—Judging by the social media metrics, it was a big week for the campaign of U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

Oh, wait.

She's not running for president. But the Democratic representative from Queens dwarfed the Democrats who are actually seeking Presi-

dent Donald Trump's job in a measurement of social media interactions with news articles by the tracking firm NewsWhip. The statistics were first reported by Axios.

For the week that ended on Sunday, Ocasio-Cortez, who is known as AOC, had attracted 4.8 million such interactions, NewsWhip said. By

comparison, all of the Democrats running for president reached a combined 6.5 million. California Sen. Kamala Harris had 1.2 million to lead the way, with Sen. Bernie Sanders, former Vice President Joe Biden and Sen. Elizabeth Warren getting around a million each.

Given how Trump's tweets

about Ocasio-Cortez and three of her colleagues have dominated the news since they were first made Sunday, that picture doesn't appear likely to change much this week.

"They can't get a breath because all of the oxygen is gone," said Fox News Channel's Harris Faulkner on Wednesday.

Sisters planning Europe trip plot to leave husband behind

DEAR ABBY: My son just got a job in Europe and has invited me to visit when he and his family are settled. I have never traveled out of the country, and I'm excited to go. I suggested staying at least a month, and he and his wife agreed.

When I told my sister, she excitedly told me she'd like to come along. We would be very happy to have this time together because she lives across the country, and we don't see each other often.

We are in good health, but her husband has many health issues. He falls a lot and has had concussions while using his walker. He coughs almost constantly, uses CPAP at night, takes multiple medications throughout the day and needs to stop often to rest and catch his breath. He also needs frequent naps.

We are all around 70, and Sis and I want to go while we are still in good health. She has not told Hubby about the month-long trip to Europe because she knows he will want to come. He would not be alone at home. Their two adult children and four grandchildren live in their large home and can assist him with food, doctor appointments, etc. We also have a brother who takes him out once a week.

I'm thinking the best way of letting him know the trip is out for him would be to have his doctor explain why it's not advisable. Any other suggestions would be most appreciated.

EUROPE-BOUND

DEAR EUROPE-BOUND: If your sister truly plans to take a monthlong trip to Europe while her husband has one foot on a banana peel, then SHE should be the one to break the news to him. If she needs backup, I'm sure the doctor can explain to him why it would be too risky for him to tag along.

My questions would be, how do your son and his wife feel about you bringing along an extra guest (guests?) for a month, and if something terrible should happen to your sister's husband in her absence, could she live with the guilt?

DEAR ABBY: Years ago, when I was trying to get into a professional school, I took some classes to prepare for the entrance exam. It cost my dad money to put me through the training. A few of my classmates/friends asked me to share the training material with them. Because it was expensive and I was preparing for a competitive exam, which they were also taking, I refused.

Long story short, none of us passed the exam. We moved on and have all become successful in life, but that incident haunts me all these years (decades) later. I was living outside of the U.S. for a long time, so I didn't try to get in touch with them or discuss why I behaved the way I did. I am likely to meet them

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in the near future, and I don't know how to handle this if it comes up. What do you think I should do?

REMEMBERING THE EARLY DAYS

DEAR REMEMBERING: It is entirely possible that these individuals will not remember the incident. If they raise the subject, apologize and explain to them the reasons you were reluctant to share the material. If they don't mention it, then let it lie.

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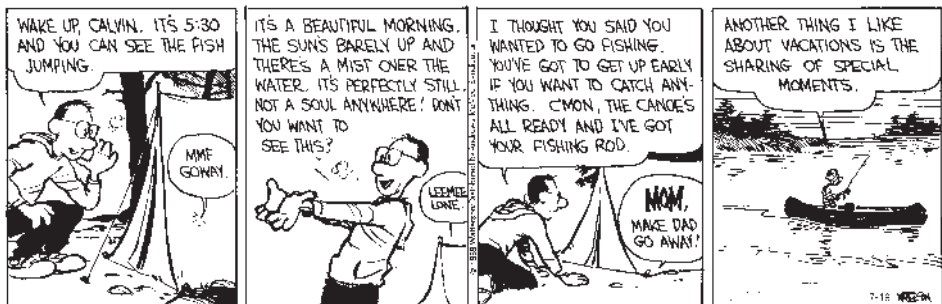
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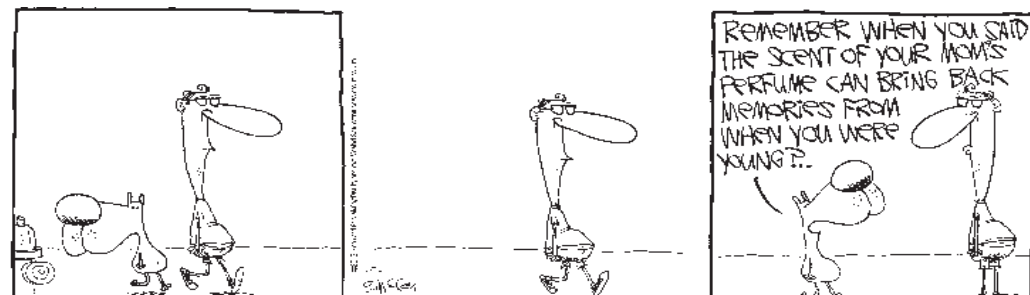


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ACROSS

1 Mac rivals
4 Thick chunk
8 Barak of Israel
12 Decay
13 Diamond Head
14 NBA's Archibald
15 Salary parity championed by NOW
17 "The Good Earth" heroine
18 Wilma's hubby
19 Easy, as a job
20 Some jobs
22 Urban haze
24 Elevator name
25 Old communication device
29 "— you serious?"
30 Pleasantly warm

DOWN

1 Season opener?
2 — au vin
3 More pompous
4 Shoe parts
5 "Dragnet" org.
6 "Eureka!"
7 Purchase
8 "Stop already!"
9 Dutch painter
10 Hexagonal state
11 Say it isn't so
16 — and crafts
19 Mimic
20 Rich soil
21 French 101 verb
22 Leafy lunch
23 "Goodness!"
25 Mama's mate
26 "Psst!"
27 Close
28 Slithery
30 A/C measures
33 Knuckleheads
34 Eve's third son
36 Georgia city
37 Cave creatures
38 Last writes?
39 Actor's quest
40 Memory unit
42 Bit of butter
43 Pub order
44 Gear-wheel tooth
45 Beer barrel

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Yesterday's answer 7-19

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Trai Byers, 36; Jared Padalecki, 37; Benedict Cumberbatch, 43; Nancy Carell, 53.

Happy Birthday: You've got time, so slow down and don't let anyone rush you into making a decision this year. Waiting and observing will save you from making an emotional or financial mistake. You can, however, expand your knowledge and skills this year or upgrade your technology to fit the changing economic climate. Having a strategy in place is in your best interest. Your numbers are 3, 11, 23, 25, 31, 34, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get involved in progressive plans that will help you bring about the changes that you feel will benefit you as well as your community. If you don't participate, you have no right to complain. Do your part to make a difference. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Share what you have with those you love, but don't let an outsider take advantage of you. If someone asks for too much, know enough to walk away. Your time and money should be spent on you, not someone else. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Listen and learn. The information you receive can help you figure out how best to get ahead professionally as well as personally. An open mind will lead to taking suggestions made and turning them into something worthwhile. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Avoid elaborate temptation. Too much of anything will lead to anxiety and stress. Live within your means, and take on only what's feasible. Put

greater emphasis on personal and partnership development. Romance is in the stars. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Choose your battles wisely. Stop worrying about what others do, and start putting energy into pursuits that are going to help you get ahead. Broaden your spectrum, and try something that will inspire you to branch out and do your own thing. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Close any gap you have that may be holding you back or keeping someone from collaborating with you. Approach situations and the people you deal with individually, and pay close attention to what others want. Don't complicate your life. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Engage in events that motivate you. A chance to experience something foreign to you will give you a better perspective regarding the way others live. Keep an open mind, but don't forgo your way of life for someone else's. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Travel mentally, physically or spiritually. What you discover will help you realize how you want to live your life. It's time to make a change instead of dreaming about it. Plan a new adventure, and you'll meet someone extraordinary. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Too much of anything will turn into a bad thing. Don't give in to temptation or overspend impulsively. Count your cash, and put it in a safe place. The fewer people who know about what you've got, the better. Don't share personal information. ★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll begin to see the fruits of your labor. A change will not only benefit you, but also those you love. Relationships are highlighted. Making a romantic gesture or a commitment to someone you love is favored. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Ease into whatever you are thinking about doing. If you act on impulse, it will lead to regret. Put your energy into improving your personal life and the situations that determine how you are going to live. Compromise may be necessary. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Share only with those you trust. Don't leave the door open for someone who continually disappoints you. Surround yourself with positive people who treat you well and who want the same things you do. Romance is on the rise. ★★

Birthday Baby: You are open-minded, impulsive and curious. You are worldly and intelligent.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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6	2	8	4	1	5	7	3	9

Difficulty Level ★★

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID CUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

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Solution: 9 letters

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IN THE MATTER)
OF THE ESTATE OF:)

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SANTOS BLAS,)

Deceased.)

Civil Case
No. 19-0102

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OF HEARING
ON PETITION
FOR DECREE
OF FINAL
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Petition for Decree of Final Distribution in the above-entitled matter will be heard before the Honorable Joseph N. Camacho, Presiding/Associate Judge, on the 1 day of Aug, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., at the Marianas Business Plaza, Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at the hearing and show cause, of any, why the order should not be made.

Dated this 2nd day of July, 2019.

Patrick V. Diaz, Clerk of Court
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DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:
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DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:
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5.) Coordinate with Tour Companies in Korea in regards with upcoming/arriving tourist customers.
6.) Make reports on daily tour activities.
7.) Make Hotel/Restaurant/optional tour payments.

Requirements:

• At least High school Graduate.
• Must be knowledgeable in computer programs (Excel, Word and Online Reservation System)
• Must know how to operate simple office machines such as fax/telephone and computer.
• Good verbal and written communication skill required.
• Must be able to read, write and speak Korean Language for better communications with the main office and with the customers.
• At least 1 year related experience in travel/tourism industry.
• Police clearance required.
• Valid Driver's License Required.
• Previous Job Certificate required.

Salary: \$ 8.54 per hour
This is a temporary full time position

Interested applicants Send resume to enfcorp17@gmail.com or call 1-670-234-1667 (Monday- Friday 9am to 6pm, except holidays)

E & F CORPORATION

Has an opening for
TOUR GUIDE (3)

Job Duties:

1.) Handle pre-arrange package tours & activities surrounding in-bound tours, have the ability to carry out activities numerated in the package tour.
2.) Prepares reports on tour activities, correspond with tour activities.
3.) Correspond with tour operators in Korea.
4.) Prepare exit & arrival schedules.
5.) Formulate, organize and execute an attractive and competitive tour package to be sold to Korean tourists, who are based in Korea.
6.) Confirms reservations, arranges sales of optional tours or services.
7.) Assist in selling of optional tours, assist customers on daily basis in explaining all the optional tours and rental items available and perform other duties as assigned or as required.
8.) Explain the different optional tours available on the island.
9.) Explain and inform tourist customers about the different historic tourist spots on the island to give each customer knowledge about the islands history and its significance to the people of Saipan.

Requirements:

• Two years related experience in Tour/ Travel Industry.
• Must be able to speak, read and write the Korean language for better communication with the tourist customers.
• Computer skill required (Microsoft-Office-Excel/Word)
• At least High school Graduate.
• Traffic and police clearance required- Applied Equally to US and CW-1 Workers.
• Must possess a Tour Guide Certificate from MVA/NMC.
• Must possess a valid CNMI Driver's License.
• Must be willing to work with flexible schedule.
• Previous work experience required- Applied Equally to US and CW-1 Workers.

Salary: \$ 10.36 per hour
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF JIANGSU PROVINCIAL CONSTRUCTION GROUP (SAIPAN) LLC

Notice is hereby given that Jiangsu Provincial Construction Group (Saipan) LLC., a corporation established and operating in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands will cease operation effective immediately.

Pursuant thereto, all creditors and persons with claims against the corporation are hereby notified to present their respective claim in writing to the corporation at the address set forth below.

JIANGSU PROVINCIAL CONSTRUCTION GROUP (SAIPAN) LLC
PMB 782 P.O. BOX 10003

All claims not filed within the time required by law will forever be barred.

Lei Yang
Manager

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Position: (1) BEAUTICIAN

Job Description: Provide beauty services, such as shampooing, cutting, coloring, and styling hair, and massaging and treating scalp. May apply makeup, dress wigs, perform hair removal, and provide nail and skin care services.

Minimum Qualifications: Must be at least High School graduate; With at least 24 months of relevant work experience as a beautician; and Must know details of hair care and treatment; make up and; nail and skin care services; and other aspects of beauty enhancement.

Job Site: Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, MP 96950

How to Apply: Submit or mail applications, Resume, and credentials to:

MERLE C. HUDKINS
President

AFH, INC. dba NATURAL NAIL SPA

Office Address: Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, MP 96950

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SAMS' SONS, INC.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(1) OPERATION MANAGER DUTIES:

- Use knowledge of law enforcement products, firearms, sporting goods, uniforms, collectible card games, insignia, board games and hobby supplies, and other specialized product categories to recommend, quote, and sell to agency and individual customers through both retail and government channels.
- Independently operate all aspects of a retail store operation to include corporate and business filings, sales and logistics.
- The position includes supervisory duties.
- Execute duties by satisfactorily operating office equipment, computer hardware and software, and personal motor vehicles.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- High School Graduate / GED
- 48 Months of relevant work experience to include supervisory experience
- Thorough understanding of CNMI Procurement, Law Enforcement Products, Hobby Supplies, Logistics, and Retail Store Operations
- Can lift and carry 70 lbs
- Self-managing with a proven history of integrity and self-motivation

SALARY: \$17.23/hr

This job opportunity is a temporary full-time position. Interested applicants can email their resume to ming@pacifictacticalsupply.com or call the office number 670-234-1425 for more information Monday through Friday between the hours of 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. This an abbreviated advertisement; please contact for full job description, duties, and requirements.

DREAM PACIFIC CORPORATION

Has an opening for

RESERVATIONS SALES AGENT (1)

Job Duties:

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- 3.) Make Inquiry on hotel availability.
- 4.) Coordinate with tourist customers/hotels/restaurants/optional tour companies in making any requests from tourist customers.
- 5.) Coordinate and communicate with Tour Companies in Korea in regards to upcoming/arriving Tourist customers.
- 6.) Make reports on daily tour activities.
- 7.) Make Hotel/Restaurant/optional tour payments.

Requirements:

- At least High school Graduate or higher.
- Must be knowledgeable in computer programs (Excel, Word and Online Reservation System)
- Must know how to operate simple office machines such as fax/telephone and computer
- Good verbal and written communications required.
- Must be able to read, write and speak Korean Language for better communications with the main office and with the customers.
- At least 12 months related experience in travel/tourism industry.
- Police clearance required- equally applied to both US workers and CW-1 Workers.
- Valid Driver's License Required.
- Previous Job Certificate required- equally applied to both US workers and CW-1 Workers.

Salary: \$ 8.54 per hour
This is a temporary full time position

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RFP 19-CHCC/CGC-016

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DREAM PACIFIC CORPORATION

Has an opening for

TOUR MANAGER (1)

Job Duties:

- 1.) Plan transportation and accommodations for travel agency customers.
- 2.) Determine destination modes of transportation, travel dates, cost and accommodations required.
- 3.) May also describe plan and arrange itineraries and sell tour packages.
- 4.) May assist in resolving clients travel problem.
- 5.) Oversees Tour guides and fix their schedule.
- 6.) Plan tour itineraries, applying knowledge of travel routes and destination sites.
- 7.) Resolve any problems with itineraries, service or accommodations.
- 8.) Sell travel packages.
- 9.) Arrange for tour or expedition details such as accommodations, transportation, equipment and the availability of medical personnel.
- 10.) Evaluate services received on tour, report findings to the organizers.

Requirements:

- Must be at least High school Graduate with 2 years related experience.
- Must be knowledgeable in computer programs (Excel, Word and Online Reservation System)
- Must be able to read, write and speak Korean Language for better communications with the main office and with the customers.
- At least 2 years related experience in travel/tourism industry.
- Police clearance required- equally applied to both US workers and CW-1 Workers.
- Must possess a Valid Driver's License.
- Previous work experience Certificate required- equally applied to both US workers and CW-1 Workers.

Salary: \$ 14.82 per hour
This is a temporary full time position

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DREAM PACIFIC CORPORATION

Has an opening for

TOUR GUIDE (5)

Job Duties:

1. Handle pre-arrange package tours & activities surrounding in-bound tours, have the ability to carry out activities numerated in the package tour.
2. Prepares reports on tour activities.
3. Correspond with tour operators in Korea.
4. Prepare exit & arrival schedules.
5. Formulate, organize & execute an attractive & competitive tour package to be sold Korean tourists who are based in Korea.
6. Confirms reservations, arranges sales of optional tours or services.
7. Assist in selling of optional tours, assist customers on daily basis in explaining all the optional tours and rental items available and perform other duties as assigned or as required.
8. Explain the different optional tours available on the island.
9. Explain and inform tourist customers about the different historic tourist spots on the island to give each customers knowledge about the islands history and its significance to the people of Saipan.

Requirements:

1. Two years related experience in tour/travel industry.
2. Must be able to speak, read and write Korean Language.
3. Computer skill required, excel and word.
4. At least High school graduate.
5. Traffic and Police clearance required (Will be applied equally to US workers and CW-1 workers).
6. Must possess a Tour Guide Certificate from MVA/NMC.
7. Must possess a valid CNMI Driver's License.
8. Must be willing to work flexible schedule.
9. Previous work experience certificate required (Will be applied equally to US workers and CW-1 Workers).

Salary: : \$ 9.23 per hour
This is a temporary full time position

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Solicitation for Bids for Generator Overhaul on Managaha Island

Tasi Tours and Transportation, Inc. (“Tasi”) operates a tourism concession on Managaha Island under a contract with the CNMI Department of Public Lands. Under this contract, Tasi maintains generators to provide power on Managaha. Tasi is soliciting formal bids for the overhaul of one of these generators, a Denyo, DCA-150SPK generator, 1997 model, which has over 12,000 running hours on it since its last overhaul in April, 2012. The award is contingent upon approval by the Department of Public Lands.

Bid packages are available now. If desired, boat transportation to Managaha to view the generator may be arranged by calling David L. Igitol at Tasi at (670) 235-9373. Such arrangements must be made by no later than July 26, 2019.

SBS CORPORATION dba HELLO SAIPAN

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(1) MARKETING MANAGER
JOB DUTIES: Plan, direct or coordinate marketing policies and programs such as determining the demand of services offered by a firm and its competitors and identify potential customers, develop pricing strategies and the goal to maximizing firms profits or share of the market, while ensuring customers are satisfied.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be college graduate with
- With at least 2 years work experience

Salary: 19.45/hr
This job opportunity is a temporary full-time position.

(2) RETAIL SALESPERSON
JOB DUTIES: Sells merchandise, greet customers and ascertain what each customer wants or needs, recommend, select and help locate to obtain merchandise based on customers need and desires, compute sales prices, total purchases and receive and process cash or credit payment, prepare merchandise for purchase and questions regarding the store and its merchandise.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be high school graduate
- With at least 6 months’ work experience in sales
- With customer service-oriented person
- With good moral character

Salary: 8.36/hr
This job opportunity is a temporary full-time position.

(1) TOUR GUIDE
JOB DUTIES: Describe tour points of interest to group members, and respond to questions, escort individuals, or groups to cruises, sightseeing tours or thru places of interest such as individual establishments, public buildings, and art galleries, conduct education activities for school for school children, monitor visitors activities, to ensure compliance with establishment or tour regulations and safety practices, provide directions and other pertinent information to visitors.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be high school graduate
- With at least 6 months’ work experience as tour guide
- With customer service-oriented person
- With good moral character
- Able to read and speak in Korean language

Salary: 9.23/hr
This job opportunity is a temporary full-time position.

(1) TOUR MANAGER
JOB DUTIES: Directs and supervises other tour guides to escorts individuals and groups on sightseeing tours or places of interest and provide pertinent information to visitors.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be college graduate
- With at least 2 years work experience in tour service
- With knowledge in making policy and implementing rules

Salary: 9.23/hr to 11.00/hr
This job opportunity is a temporary full-time position.

Interested Applicants can email their resume to sbscorporation2121@gmail.com or can call office number 235-2121 for more information from Monday to Friday between the hours of 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Diamondbacks tie record with 21 hits, beat Rangers



ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)—Edu-

ardo Escobar and his Arizona teammates jumped all over Texas' pitchers en route to a record tying night.

Escobar homered twice, and the Diamondbacks' red-hot bats tied a franchise record for a nine-inning game with 21 hits while thumping the Texas Rangers 19-4.

The 19 runs were Arizona's most since setting a franchise record with 20 against the San Diego Padres last July.

Escobar's first homer sparked a seven-run first-inning ambush against right-handed starter Jesse Chavez (3-5), who got just two outs.

"(Chavez) is a down-ball pitcher," Diamondbacks manager Torey Lovullo said. "We were aware that he was going to try to crisscross the strike zone. Our guys had a good game plan. They knew what they were going to be looking for."

Neither Chavez, who has been in and out of the rotation this season, nor Texas manager Chris Woodward were panicking.

"I took a shower," Chavez said. "When you get your hands dirty like I tell my kids, rinse it off and tomorrow's another day."

Woodward said, "We're not giving up on anybody by any means. We just need to execute a little better."

The switch-hitting Escobar added a three-run homer batting right-handed against Kyle Bird in the sixth and had five RBIs. Kevin Cron, Jarrod Dyson and Carson Kelly also homered for Arizona.

Jake Lamb doubled twice and drove in two runs.

"We were aggressive on pitches in the zone," Lamb said. "You feel like you're going to get more and more pitches in the zone once you get a certain lead."

Arizona also had 21 hits in an 18-2 win over San Francisco in May. The franchise record for any game is 22, set during an 18-inning, 12-7 win over Philadelphia on Aug. 24, 2013.

Robbie Ray (8-6) and two relievers cruised through the blowout. Ray has won all three of his starts in July. Back-to-back homers by Danny Santana and Logan Forsythe provided three Texas runs in the second inning, and Santana added a solo homer against Ray in the sixth.

Padres 3, Marlins 2

In Miami, Rookie right-hander Chris Paddack took a no-hitter into the eighth inning and two relievers got the final four outs to complete a three-hitter and help the San Diego Padres beat the Marlins.

The Padres, who played their first game in 1969, are the



only major league team never to have thrown a no-hitter.

After Starlin Castro homered leading off the eighth, Paddack (6-4) retired the next two batters and then departed. He struck out eight, walked one, threw 94 pitches and lowered his ERA to 2.70.

Austin Hedges hit a two-run homer, his seventh, against Trevor Richards (3-11) to help San Diego break a four-game losing streak.

Athletics 10, Mariners 2

In Oakland, Homer Bailey shook off a rocky start to go six innings in his Athletics debut and Mark Canha and Jurickson Profar each homered twice in a win over Seattle.

Chad Pinder and Ramón Laureano also went deep as the A's matched their season high with six home runs. They lost Gold Glove third baseman Matt Chapman to an ankle injury after two innings.

Oakland has won six straight and 12 of 14. The A's have homered in a season-high 17 consecutive games.

Tim Beckham had two hits for Seattle. The Mariners have lost six straight.

Giants 11, Rockies 8

In Denver, Donovan Solano had four hits, including a tie-breaking home run leading off the sixth inning, and San Francisco completed a four-game

series sweep in Colorado for the first time in nearly eight years.

Pablo Sandoval sparked a three-run first inning with a two-run double and Stephen Vogt also homered for the surging Giants, who have won five straight and 12 of 14. Brandon Belt had an RBI single among his three hits.

Trevor Story and Ryan McMahon homered for the Rockies, losers of four straight and 11 of their last 13.

It was the first-four game sweep by the Giants in Colorado since Sept. 15-18, 2011.

Mets 14, Twins 4

In Minneapolis, Dominic Smith put New York ahead with a pinch-hit, three-run homer in the seventh inning, and Pete Alonso added a 474-foot shot halfway up the third deck as Minnesota lost a third straight game for the first time this season.

Amed Rosario went 4 for 4 with a home run and three RBIs for the Mets, who overcame three one-run deficits, set a 2019 high for runs and matched a season best with their fourth consecutive victory.

Reliever Trevor May (3-3) took the loss.

Cardinals 6, Pirates 5

In St. Louis, Paul Goldschmidt hit a go-ahead, three-run homer in the seventh inning and the Cardinals rallied to deal Pittsburgh its fifth loss in six games.

John Brebbia (3-3) struck out four in two perfect innings. Carlos Martínez picked up his sixth save in eight chances.

Tyler O'Neill also homered for the Cardinals, who won two of three from the Pirates.

Pirates starter Chris Archer allowed three runs and five hits in six innings. Archer had a pair of hits, including an RBI single in a three-run fourth, after starting the season 1 for 25 at the plate.

Brewers 5, Braves 4

In Milwaukee, Josh Hader struck out Ozzie Albies with two outs and the tying run on third in the ninth to preserve the Milwaukee's win over Atlanta.

Christian Yelich hit his 34th homer of the season. It was Yelich's third home run in four games.

The Brewers got a two-run homer from Manny Piña's in the second. Josh Donaldson hit a two-run shot for the Braves.

Cubs 5, Reds 2

In Chicago, Yu Darvish tossed six innings of two-hit, shutout ball to finally earn his first win at Wrigley Field in the Cubs' win over Cincinnati.

Kris Bryant and Addison Russell homered for the only hits off Sonny Gray (5-6) as Chicago won for the fifth time in six games.

Jason Heyward drove in two insurance runs with a

double as the NL Central leaders took two of three from the Reds to win just their second series since sweeping St. Louis on June 7-9.

Indians 7, Tigers 2

In Cleveland, Mike Clevinger matched his career high with 12 strikeouts in six innings, Oscar Mercado drove in two runs and Cleveland beat Detroit.

Clevinger (3-2) struck out the side in the first two inning. He was lifted after 100 pitches and allowing one run on six hits in his third double-digit strikeout performance of the season. Nick Wittgren worked the final 1 2/3 innings to pick up his second save.

Mercado gave Cleveland a 2-0 lead in the third with a double that scored Mike Freeman and Tyler Naquin.

Red Sox 5, Blue Jays 4

In Boston, Rafael Devers hit a solo homer and drove in four runs, Eduardo Rodríguez pitched effectively into the seventh inning and Boston sent Toronto's Aaron Sanchez to his 13th straight loss.

Devers also had a two-run double and RBI single, Brock Holt added a run-scoring hit—one of his three singles—for the Red Sox, who had dropped three of four since a five-game winning streak.

Teoscar Hernández hit two solo homers over the Green Monster and Lourdes Gurriel

Arizona Diamondbacks first baseman Kevin Cron waits for the pitch during the second inning of a baseball game against the Texas Rangers Wednesday, July 17, 2019, in Arlington, Texas.

Jr. had one for the Blue Jays, who have lost seven of 10.

Orioles 9, Nationals 2

In Baltimore, Trey Mancini hit two home runs and the Orioles pummeled Washington's ineffective bullpen to earn a split in the two-game interleague series.

The defeat—only the fourth in 17 games for the Nationals—kept them 6 1/2 games behind the first-place Braves in the NL East.

Adam Eaton drove in both runs for the Nationals, who suffered their most lopsided loss since June 15 (10-3 against Arizona).

Wander Suero (2-5) faced five batters and retired only one of them. Anthony Santander and Chris Davis hit RBI singles, and Rio Ruiz delivered a sacrifice fly off Tony Sipp before Javy Guerra finally quelled the uprising.

Royals 7, White Sox 5

In Kansas City, Danny Duffy pitched a strong six innings and ended a nine-start winless skid, and Jorge Soler and Nicky Lopez hit back-to-back RBI singles twice as the Royals beat Chicago.

Duffy (4-5) scattered six hits and struck out five in sending Chicago to its season-worst sixth straight loss.

The second of Soler and Lopez's consecutive two-out, RBI hits put Kansas City up 6-0 and gave Duffy some run support.

A.J. Reed hit a three-run homer, his first, with two outs in the ninth inning off Wily Peralta. Ryan Goins homered in his first major league game this season for Chicago.

Astros 11, Angels 2

In Anaheim, Gerrit Cole struck out 11 over seven innings, Jake Marisnick had three hits amid a chorus of boos and Houston beat Los Angeles.

Marisnick has drawn the ire of Angels' fans this series after he ran over catcher Jonathan Lucroy in a home-plate collision July 7 in Houston.

Marisnick, who grew up in nearby Riverside, is 5 for 7 in the past two games.

Cole (10-5) pitched one-run ball and extended his major league strikeout lead with his 11th double-digit strikeout game in 21 starts.

Michael Brantley and George Springer went deep for the Astros, who had lost five of six. Houston had 12 hits the first five innings as every player in the lineup had at least one.

GMs complain about max deals, player movement



The NBA free agency frenzy is over, and a lot of money has been spent.

The tally from the first day of free agency alone had teams committing to more than \$3 billion in contracts.

While it's great for players who are seeing their financial dreams come to fruition and a sign of the overall health and wealth of the NBA, committing that kind of money can come with trepidation.

Bleacher Report's Rick Bucher gave anonymous executives a forum to talk about who qualifies as a max player in terms of talent and leadership.

Not surprisingly, there was a considerable amount of consternation from the six executives about individual players receiving such big chunks of team's salary caps.

One general manager even found room to nitpick about Kawhi Leonard, fresh off a historic NBA playoff run that culminated with his second career NBA Finals MVP.

His issue? Leonard's ability to make his teammates better.

"Kawhi is great getting his, but he doesn't elevate anyone," the anonymous general manager told Bucher. "He doesn't rally his team."

Leonard reportedly signed a three-year, \$103 million deal with the Clippers with a player option on the third year in a move that immediately made the historically moribund franchise championship contenders.

If any fault could be found in the deal, it would be that they're not committing enough money to Leonard. Given a preference, the Clippers would surely rather



Newly acquired Boston Celtics guard Kemba Walker (8) and center Enes Kanter (11) pose with their team jerseys at the Celtics' basketball practice facility, Wednesday, July 17, 2019, in Boston. Looking on are team co-owner Wyc Grousbeck, left, general manager Danny Ainge, middle, and team co-owner Stephen Pagliuca, far right.

Walker will try to replace him.

Kyrie Irving is no longer with the Celtics, but his brief flameout in Boston is still on the minds of fans in the city and even, apparently, players who have yet to play a minute for the team.

On the day that the Celtics introduced Walker as their point guard of the future, Kanter said he chose the No. 11 last worn in Boston by Irving in part because it was his number in Oklahoma City in 2016-17. But he also quoted a commercial in which Irving aspired to have the number retired in his honor.

"I want to be the reason no one else wears it," Kanter said, cracking up himself and the media at the introductory news conference he shared with Walker. "I had to say it."

Walker was signed to a four-year, \$141 million deal — the most Boston could offer, but \$80 million less than the Charlotte Hornets could have paid him over five seasons. (The Celtics also announced on Wednesday that they have re-signed forward Daniel Theis and guard Brad Wanamaker.)

"This was our Plan A," manager Danny Ainge said, sitting between Walker and Kanter for the news conference at the team's practice facility. "Getting Kemba was a top priority in free agency."

have Leonard locked up to a longer deal.

Leonard is notoriously stoic, but his and his team's performances on the court speak for themselves.

A Western Conference general manager found fault with the Golden State Warriors committing five years and \$190 million to Klay Thompson, one of the league's historically great shooters, an elite defender and a three-time NBA champion.

"He's a good player, but he's not a leader," the anonymous general manager told Bucher. "He just shows up and hoops."

Apparently critical executives would like to see Thompson be more vocal in the locker room and with the media.

Big pressure on small markets

Another general manager gave voice to the pressure that

smaller market teams feel to spend max money on second- or third-tier players. It's a decision the Charlotte Hornets ultimately declined with Kemba Walker this summer but the Milwaukee Bucks opted into by giving Khris Middleton a max deal.

"Smaller-market teams have been apt to give max contracts to good people," a Western Conference GM told Bucher. "There are two kinds of players. One, you give them the money and you sleep well. The other, you give them the money and you never sleep. Guys like Khris Middleton and CJ McCollum and Kemba — at least they're still going to do everything they can to earn that contract."

It's important to note here that the people Bucher spoke to are in charge of negotiating deals, not signing checks. Their jobs are to navigate a salary capped sport in the

most effective way possible. The ability to find value without overspending is a requisite skill of the job.

So is signing players to deals that will actually keep them in town. With players increasingly wielding their power as was seen with Leonard and Paul George orchestrating George's trade from the Oklahoma City Thunder to the Clippers a year after he signed a max deal, it's a legitimate concern for executives.

Trade demands like George's and Anthony Davis' out of New Orleans prompted NBA commissioner Adam Silver to call for change and label demands as "disheartening" when speaking at the Board of Governors meeting earlier this month.

One general manager who spoke with Bucher was a little more candid about the topic, calling for the league to "step

up" on player movement.

"I know players have more juice today and we're a player-friendly league, but it has gotten out of hand," the Western Conference general manager said. "We have players deciding their not even contracts, their guidelines and payment structures. Now we have them saying, 'I'm done hoopin' with you guys; I'm going to hoop with my boys.'"

"If the league would step up about player movement once a smaller market signs a guy, then teams wouldn't have to overpay just to show they're not afraid to spend money. What happens is the star leaves anyway and you're left with these bloated contracts, making the problem even worse."

Walker, Kanter officially join Celtics

Enes Kanter took a playful swipe at him.

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McIlroy knows this is not just another British Open

PORTRUSH, Northern Ireland (AP)—On the final day of practice for the final major of the year, Rory McIlroy ripped a shot out of the light rough and began walking toward the green when he stopped in the middle of the fairway for a quick interview with Sky Sports.

That's normal for McIlroy at any British Open.

Fans stood six deep, creating a corridor as he walked to the third tee on Wednesday. The grandstand was full and the gallery framed the entire par 3, despite heavy clouds that began to darken with the promise of more rain at Royal Portrush.

No, this is not a normal British Open—certainly not for McIlroy no matter how hard he tries to convince himself as golf's oldest championship returns to his native Northern Ireland for the first time in 68 years.

"You've got the best players in the world here, and I don't feel like I'm the center of attention," McIlroy said at a news conference before a media gathering larger than it was for Tiger Woods.

He is not the only Ulsterman who tees off Thursday in pursuit of a claret jug.

Graeme McDowell was raised in Portrush and was a member of Rathmore Golf Club, which is owned by Royal Portrush and shares the same links along the North Atlantic. Darren Clarke forged his game as a junior at Royal Portrush and now calls it home.

McIlroy is different.

He is a four-time major champion and No. 3 in the world, and Royal Portrush is where he came of age in golf. It's where his father brought him for his 10th birthday, when he met Clarke for the first time. It's where he first delivered on his potential at 16 when he shot a course-record 61 in the North of Ireland Amateur.

"Portrush has been a very big—at least the golf club—part of my upbringing," McIlroy said. "It's sort of surreal



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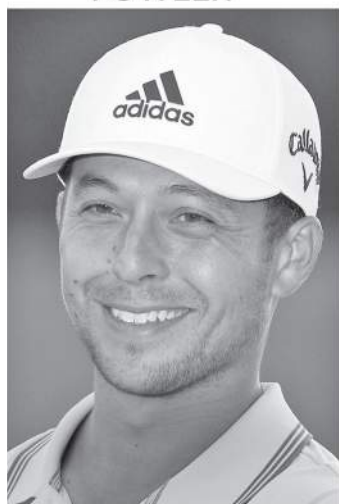
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These are 2018 and 2019 file photos showing some of the golfers competing in the British Open golf tournament. Shown are: Rickie Fowler, Dustin Johnson, Brooks Koepka, Rory McIlroy, Justin Rose, Xander Schauffele, Adam Scott, Jordan Spieth, Gary Woodland, and Tiger Woods.

that it's here."

Just another Open?

It was the first time in 159 years of the British Open that tickets had to be purchased in advance, including two practice rounds. That brings the attendance total for the week to 237,500, second only to the Old Course at St. Andrews.

"I can't just put the blinkers on and pretend that's not all going on," McIlroy said. "One of my mantras this week is look around and smell the roses. This is a wonderful thing for this country and golf in general. And to be quite a big part of it is an honor and a privilege. And I want to keep reminding myself that this is

bigger than me. And I think if you can look at the bigger picture, it sort of takes a little bit of the pressure off.

"I still want to play well and concentrate and do all the right things," he said. "But at the same time, just having that perspective might make me relax a little bit more."

A steady rain slowed the final day of practice, along with a stronger wind that gives this course its best defense.

McIlroy and Justin Thomas, Jordan Spieth and Patrick Cantlay, McDowell and others were among those who took in a rare, late afternoon round for being the eve of the Open.

Woods was a late afternoon arrival on the range, hoping to sharpen a swing in only his fourth tournament since he won the Masters. Before long, the rain returned.

"It's not quite as sharp as I'd like to have it right now," Woods said Tuesday. "My touch around the greens is right where I need to have it. I still need to get the shape of the golf ball a little bit better than I am right now, especially with the weather coming in and winds are going to be changing."

The R&A awarded Clarke the honor of starting off the British Open. Clarke, McDowell

and McIlroy are in the early half of the draw; Woods, Brooks Koepka and Dustin Johnson are among the late starters.

It promises to be quite a show. "I've never seen the town look so great," McDowell said. "Just the buzz from the people this week, it's been amazing the last few days."

Royal Portrush has two new holes—Nos. 7 and 8, land used from Rathmore's Valley Links—since the last British Open in 1951, or even the Irish Open in 2012. McIlroy returned home the weekend before the Scottish Open to get a full day of preparation.

McIlroy, who lives in Florida now, hadn't seen his mother in

three months and wanted to have dinner, so he told her about 8 p.m., leaving enough time to properly get reacquainted with Royal Portrush for the Open.

And then he called her back and asked to move up the reservation. He finished early.

"It's the same golf course," he said. "I think I was making it a little bigger in my head than it needed to be. And I've played this place enough times to know where to miss it, where not to miss it. No matter if there's grandstands around or if there's not, if there's a lot of people or if there's not, it's the same golf course."

Same, yes. But still very different.



ENGLEWOOD, Colo.

(AP)—The Denver Broncos are the first team in the NFL to kick off training camp Thursday, and they'll do it with Emmanuel Sanders on hand and also Drew Lock.

Sanders won't be full-go as he continues his comeback from a torn Achilles tendon last December, but "Emmanuel looks good. He's not going to go on PUP. He'll start practicing from Day 1," general manager John Elway said Wednesday. "Obviously we're going to work him in slowly."

Pro Bowl running back Phillip Lindsay, who hasn't taken a snap since suffering a wrist injury at Oakland on Christmas Eve, also will be

Broncos kick off training camps with Sanders on board

eased into action.

"Lindsay's ready to go," new head coach Vic Fangio said. "Lindsay, Emmanuel, we'll ease them in, but we'll get them in quickly."

Rookies and veterans reported to UC Health Training Center on Wednesday, a week earlier than usual because of the Broncos' upcoming Hall of Fame game against Atlanta on Aug. 1.

Three other teams—the Cardinals, Seahawks and Ravens—also had rookies report Wednesday but their veterans get several more days of summer vacation, unlike the Broncos.

Lock agreed to terms Wednesday afternoon, avoiding a potential holdout. He is vying for the backup job behind new-

comer Joe Flacco, whom Elway acquired from Baltimore in yet another offseason makeover.

Widely viewed as a first-round prospect, Lock slipped to the second round, where the Broncos selected him with the 42nd overall pick, one spot behind their new left guard Dalton Risner. Lock has to get used to playing under center after hardly doing so at Missouri.

After the Paxton Lynch fiasco, Elway views his QB situation now like the Chiefs did with Alex Smith and Patrick Mahomes two years ago, with the apprentice getting to take his time learning and the veteran preparing to be the starter.

"We feel like he's in his prime," Elway said of Flacco,

34. "At least we hope he is."

Elway said he's optimistic because new offensive coordinator Rich Scangarello brings to Denver the roots of the Baltimore system in which Flacco excelled early in his career.

Also, "anytime you get traded midway in your career, two-thirds of the way through your career, you've got something to prove," Elway said.

Adding Flacco in a trade and Lock in the draft allows the Broncos "to solidify that position for a while," Elway said. "Obviously, we've been looking for one since Peyton (Manning) retired. That's always a difficult position to fill. But I finally feel good about that position and where we are."

The Broncos are coming off back-to-back losing seasons for the first time since 1971-72 and while they have another rookie head coach, Fangio is 61 and has decades of experience coaching in the pros.

"We've got a lot of work ahead of us," Elway said. "We always have high expectations of ourselves but we just know that the position that we're in and the last two seasons that we've had we've got to take it one day at a time and that's what we're going to do."

"And we're in good shape, too. I think being in early, having the extra week, playing in the Hall of Fame game is going to help us with the new staff. I think that's a positive

for us being in early."

Fangio's first camp as a head coach includes an NFL-most 19 open practices.

"I think it's good to have the fans out here," Fangio said. "You know, the history of the NFL, you had to go to college campuses back in the day because the facilities didn't look like this. When I first went to the Saints in the mid-80s, we had an 80-yard grass field, OK? We had no cafeteria."

"Guys who go to a greasy deli for lunch right across the street. So, you were forced to go to small college campuses to have your two-a-days because they had cafeterias, because they had classrooms and because they had dorms to sleep in. A byproduct of that was fans could come and watch.

XVI PACIFIC GAMES MEDAL TALLY (As of 7pm/July 18)				
Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
 New Caledonia	66	45	38	149
 Australia	32	9	13	54
 Papua New Guinea	29	41	28	98
 Samoa	29	33	38	100
 Tahiti	28	32	38	98
 Fiji	27	33	41	101
 Tonga	8	3	13	24
 New Zealand	7	10	7	24
 Nauru	7	5	16	28
 Kiribati	6	10	7	23
 Vanuatu	6	6	7	19
 Solomon Islands	4	10	17	31
 Cook Islands	4	4	7	15
 Wallis and Futuna	3	5	2	10
 Guam	2	10	4	16
 Norfolk Island	2	2	3	7
 American Samoa	1	4	3	8
 Niue	1	1	2	4
 Tuvalu	1	0	1	2
 Northern Mariana Islands	1	0	0	1
 Marshall Islands	0	1	2	3
 Tokelau	0	0	1	1

Bears top Aces, keep undefeated record

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The Chalan Kanoa Bears stretched their winning streak to three after beating the Aces, 8-2, last Saturday in the 2019 Saipan Baseball League at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The defending champions went to work in the first two innings to seize control of the game and the Aces never recovered, allowing the Bears to keep their unbeaten record after three matches.

The Bears scored four and three runs in the first and second inning and got their last in the seventh, while the Aces had one run each in the first and sixth. Angel Palacios went 2-for-4 for the Bears and scored only one run, but had three RBIs. J.J. Lifofoi added two RBIs off his 3-for-4 performance at bat. Henry Lizama also hit 3-for-4 and delivered three runs.

The Aces' two runs were courtesy of Verlan

Secharmedal and Keola Camacho, who reached off the Bears' errors. The Aces dropped to a 0-2 record.

Meanwhile, Go See Mark and the Mariners prevailed in the two other games last weekend.

GSM improved to a 2-1 card, notching its second straight win following a 13-10 triumph over the Blue Jays (1-1). Last season's finalist scored three runs each in the fifth and sixth inning to battle

back from a 7-8 deficit after four complete. The Blue Jays were held to two runs in the last two innings after making 8 in the first three.

The Mariners made it to the win column after downing the Rockies, 8-5. The Mariners silenced the Rockies in the first two innings to move ahead, 3-1, and added four runs in the fourth inning of the shortened match to secure the win. The last game of the triple-header was played for only five innings due to darkness.

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the men's doubles gold medal against Tonga and brothers Matavao and Semisi Fanguana. Schorr and Sinclair booked a finals ticket in the men's doubles after downing New Caledonia's William Bruchard and Macaco Rouas, 6-3, 6-1. Earlier in the first semis game, the Fanguanas outlasted Samoa and siblings Marvin and Leon Soonalole, 6-2, 3-6, 10-5.

Meanwhile, Sinclair may play in his third gold medal game, depending on the results of his and Carol Lee's rained-out semis match in the mixed doubles.

The CNMI bets were ahead against the Cook Islands' Brett Baudinet and Tamara Anderson, 4-3, when the game was halted due to heavy showers. The match will resume after Sinclair's two final matches in the morning.

The other mixed doubles semis was also rained-out

with No. 1 and PNG's Abigail Tere-Apisah and Stubbings set to take on American Samoa's Kalano Soli and Christian Duchnak.

PB for Quitugua

Sprinter Traven Quitugua had his second and last event in the athletics competition at the Apia Park Stadium and earned a personal best in the 200m race last Wednesday.

Quitugua ran on Heat 2 of the qualifiers and clocked in at 23.27 seconds, a new PB, ac-

cording to Northern Marianas Athletics secretary general Robin Sapong.

Beo Ngirchongor also did the 200m race and submitted 25.58 seconds on Heat 3.

In the women's 200m qualifying runs yesterday, Zarinae Sapong logged 27.40 seconds on Heat 2, finishing ahead of six runners.

Lia Rangamar was also scheduled to compete yesterday, but results of the javelin throw were unavailable as off press time last night.

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National Team is looking the duplicate the 3-2 victory it posted against Guam during the Marianas Cup 2018 hosted at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

"We've already proven last year that we are capable of winning against Guam and if we will keep pushing ourselves hard and do extra ordinary things, we have a pretty good chance of beating them again," said co-captain Britany Wally, who with the 17 other members of the team and its officials attended a send-off ceremony hosted by Northern Mariana Islands Football Association at Kanoa Resort.

Joining Wally on the team are co-captain Guine Borja, Gillian Villagomez, Katrina Costales, Jerlyn Castillo, Emalyn Aniana, Sharmaine Francisco, Julianne Hall, Gianna Griffin, Mia Carreon, Nathannette Blas, Jenny Ann Capayas, Andrei Kaithlynn Chavez, Marinel Falalimpa, Christina Atalig, Jannah Casarino, and Khristelle Itaas. Head coach Luem Khen Koo will call the shots for the CNMI and will be assisted by Lalaine Pagarao and Jimmy Tang, while Angie Ito and Pam Carhill are the team manager and physiotherapist, respectively.

Koo admitted that last year's win over Guam is a big motivation for his wards, but this Saturday's match is much more challenging because they will be playing against the home crowd.

"I would say it's 50-50 chances. We have to be focus

all the time because one small error could cost us the game," Koo said.

Despite falling short in the last Marianas Cup, Guam coach Maggie Phillips believes they have the psychological edge over the visiting squad.

"With all due respect I would argue that it is actually the Guam women that have the psychological edge. We were able to have our rematch against NMI at the Jockey Club Invitational in Hong Kong just a few months ago where Guam came out on top (3-2). With this recent win and the fact that we will be the home team gives us a significant advantage. The women have been training hard consistently and are very much looking forward to one of our favorite matches of the year," Philips said.

Meanwhile, the CNMI Men's U19/U23 also acknowledged how the crowd will play a role in their game

this weekend.

"We just have to find a way not to get destructed by the crowd or anything. Concentration is very important, especially we are playing against the home team," said captain Enrico Del Rosario, adding that the sting of the loss to Guam last year is still with the team, but they are using it as extra motivation.

"After that loss, the team is hungrier to win and we have been working hard in every training session to get ready for this tough game," Del Rosario added.

Last year, the CNMI was ahead, 4-3, at the closing seconds of the extra time (four minutes), but committed a defensive meltdown, allowing Guam to score and send the game into a shootout, which the visitors eventually won, 5-3.

The heartbreaker, according to head coach Michiteru Mita, was a good learning experience for the squad.



Northern Mariana Islands Football Association president Jerry Tan, third row left, joins NMIFA officials, and members and coaches of the CNMI Women's U19 National Team for a group photo after a send-off ceremony yesterday at Kanoa Resort.



Merrick Toves is congratulated by Northern Mariana Islands Football Association general secretary Ross Zapanta after making it to the CNMI Men's U19/U23 National Team that was introduced at the send-off ceremony yesterday at Kanoa Resort.

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CNMI, Guam rivalry on

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It's game on for the CNMI and Guam, as their rivalry will be showcased anew in tomorrow's Marianas Cup 2019 at the Guam Football Association National Training Center in Dededo.

First up is the women's U19 matchup at 3pm, while the duel between the opposing teams' men's U19/U23 crews will take place at 5:15pm.

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Members and officials of the CNMI Men's U19/U23 and Women's U19 National Teams pose for a photo after a send-off ceremony yesterday at Kanoa Resort. The CNMI players will face host Guam tomorrow in the Marianas Cup 2019.

CNMI eyes 2 gold medals

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Tennis players Colin Sinclair and Robbie Schorr boosted the CNMI's chances of bringing home two more gold medals after reaching the finals of the men's singles and doubles events in the XVI Pacific Games yesterday at the Apia Park Tennis Courts in Samoa.



Sinclair moved into the gold medal game in the men's singles play after sweeping Vanuatu's Clement Mainguy in the semi-finals, 6-1, 6-2. The No. 1 seed's victory over Mainguy also guaranteed the CNMI a silver medal.

Sinclair will try to give the Commonwealth its second gold medal today when he takes on Papua New Guinea's Matthew Stubbings in the finals at 9am (6am Saipan time). Stubbings, the No. 2 seed in the field, made it to the gold medal match after eliminating Tahiti and No. 15 Heimanarii Lai San, 6-2, 6-4. The PNG player is a familiar foe for Sinclair, as the CNMI bet faced and defeated



LYDIA TAN

Colin Sinclair follows through with his shot to Vanuatu's Clement Mainguy during their semis match in the men's singles event of the XVI Pacific Games yesterday at the Apia Park Tennis Courts in Samoa.

Stubbings in the first singles match in the team event finals last week. Stubbing was up in their first meet-

ing, 2-0, but that was it for him, as Sinclair buckled down to work and swept the next 12 games to finish off



LYDIA TAN

Robbie Schorr makes a return during his and Colin Sinclair's men's doubles game against New Caledonia's William Bruchard and Macaco Rouas in the XVI Pacific Games yesterday at the Apia Park Tennis Courts in Samoa.

the PNG player.

After the men's singles finale, Sinclair will have his second match

today, as he and Schorr compete for

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